James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 50, Pages 1471 - 1500

This collection includes materials related to all aspects of James Barnes Whitaker's professional life, including his real estate business and his legal career, particularly for the pensioners he helped. He came to Tecumseh, Shawnee County in 1856 and worked there as a surveyor. In 1857, he moved to Topeka where he remained, serving as county sheriff, surveyor, and Topeka city engineer. He owned an abstract and real estate business in Topeka and was an attorney, representing numerous Civil War veterans in obtaining disability pensions, many of whom served in Kansas units. The collection consists of Whitaker's correspondence (arranged chronologically) and Whitaker's 1857 certificate of appointment as a U.S. Deputy Marshal.

Date: 1855-1909

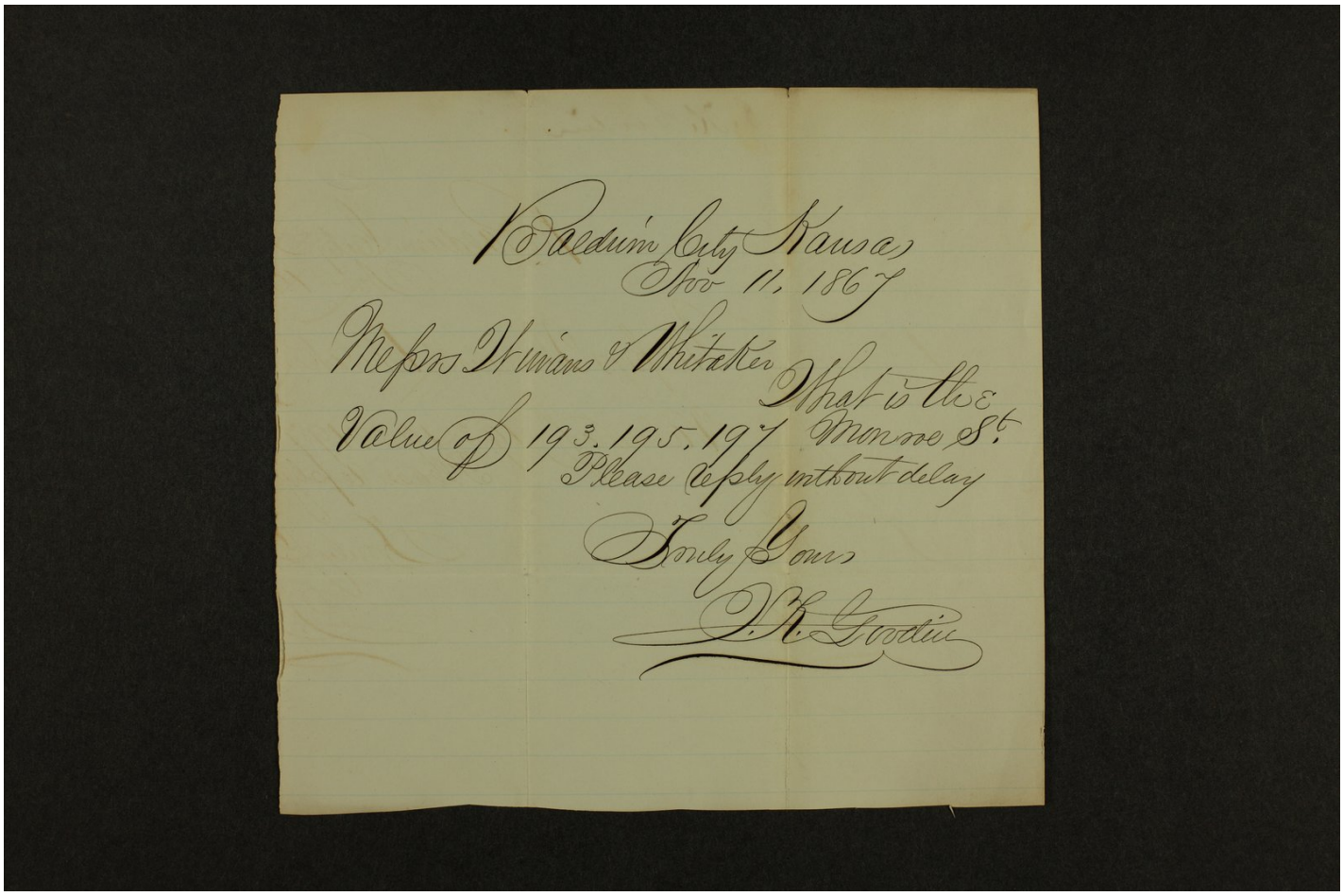
Callnumber: James Barnes Whitaker Coll. #540, Box 1 - 3

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 228667

Item Identifier: 228667

www.kansasmemory.org/item/228667

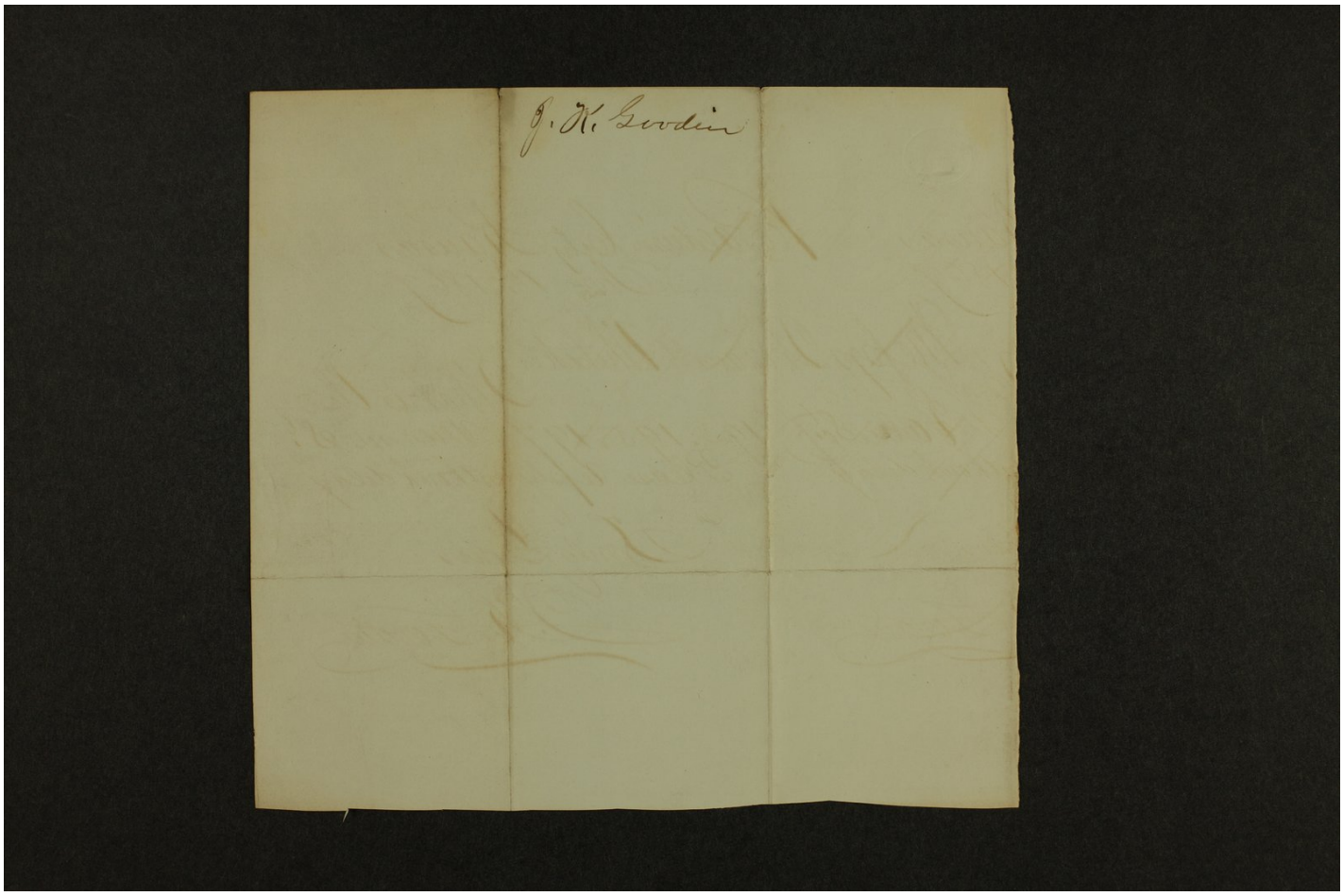
James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



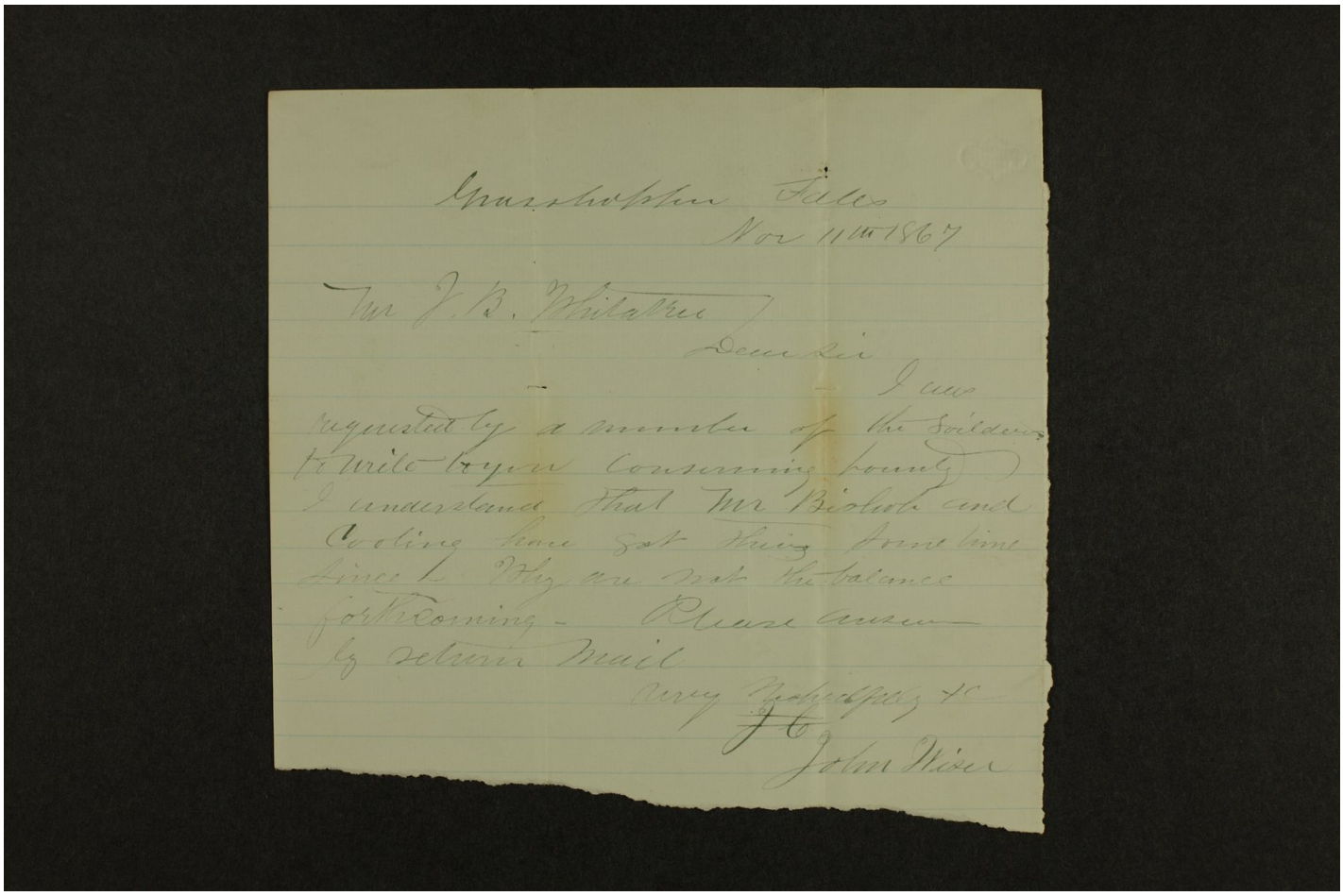
Paradise City Kansas
Nov 11. 1867

Messrs Williams & Whitaker
What is the
Value of 193. 195. 197 Monroe St.
Please reply without delay
Truly Yours
L. K. Goodin

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Manhattan Kans
Nov 11th 1867

Mr J. B. Whitaker

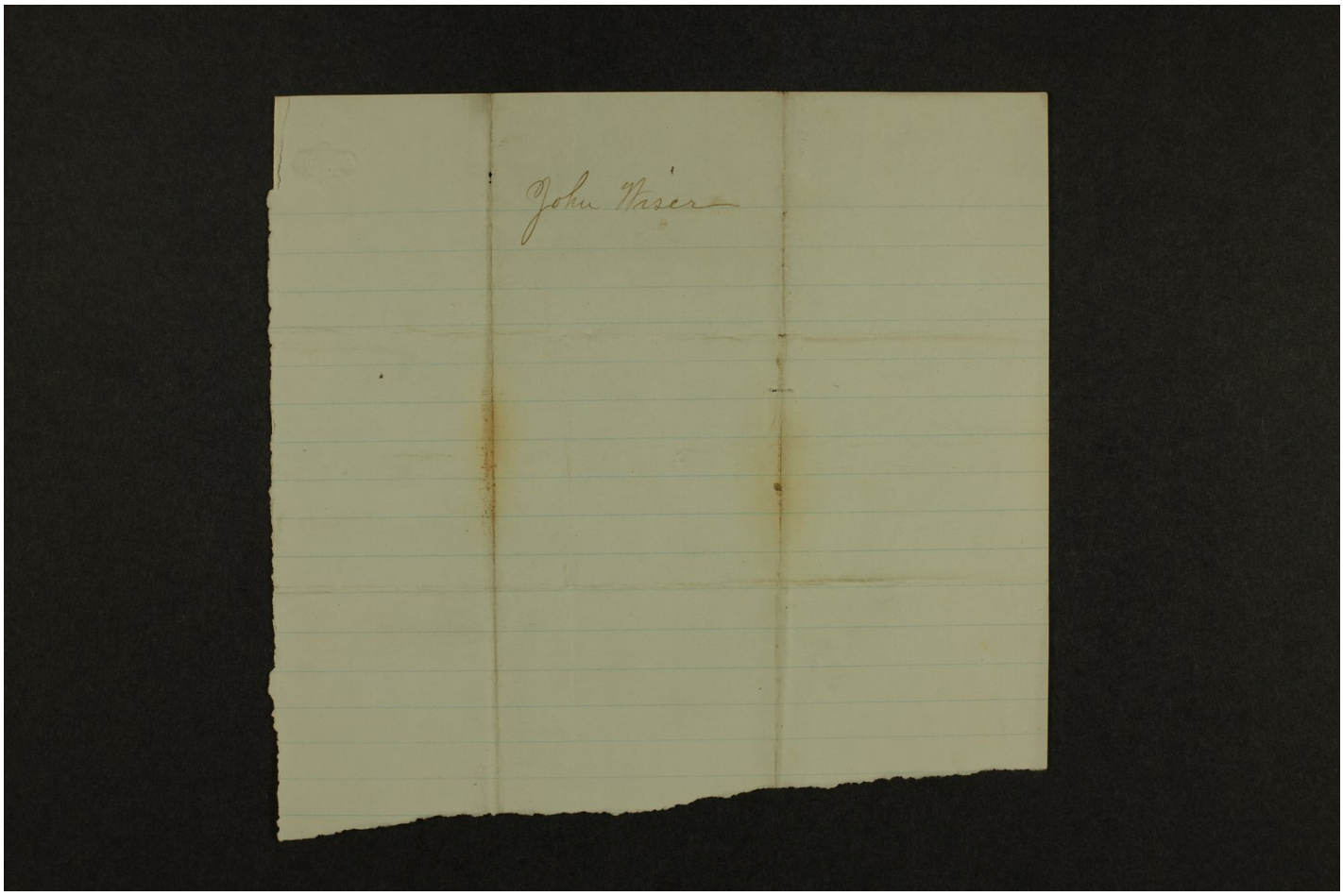
Dear Sir

I am requested by a number of the Soldiers to write to you concerning bounty. I understand that Mr Bishop and Cooling have sat Suit some time since. Why are not the balance forthcoming - Please answer by return Mail

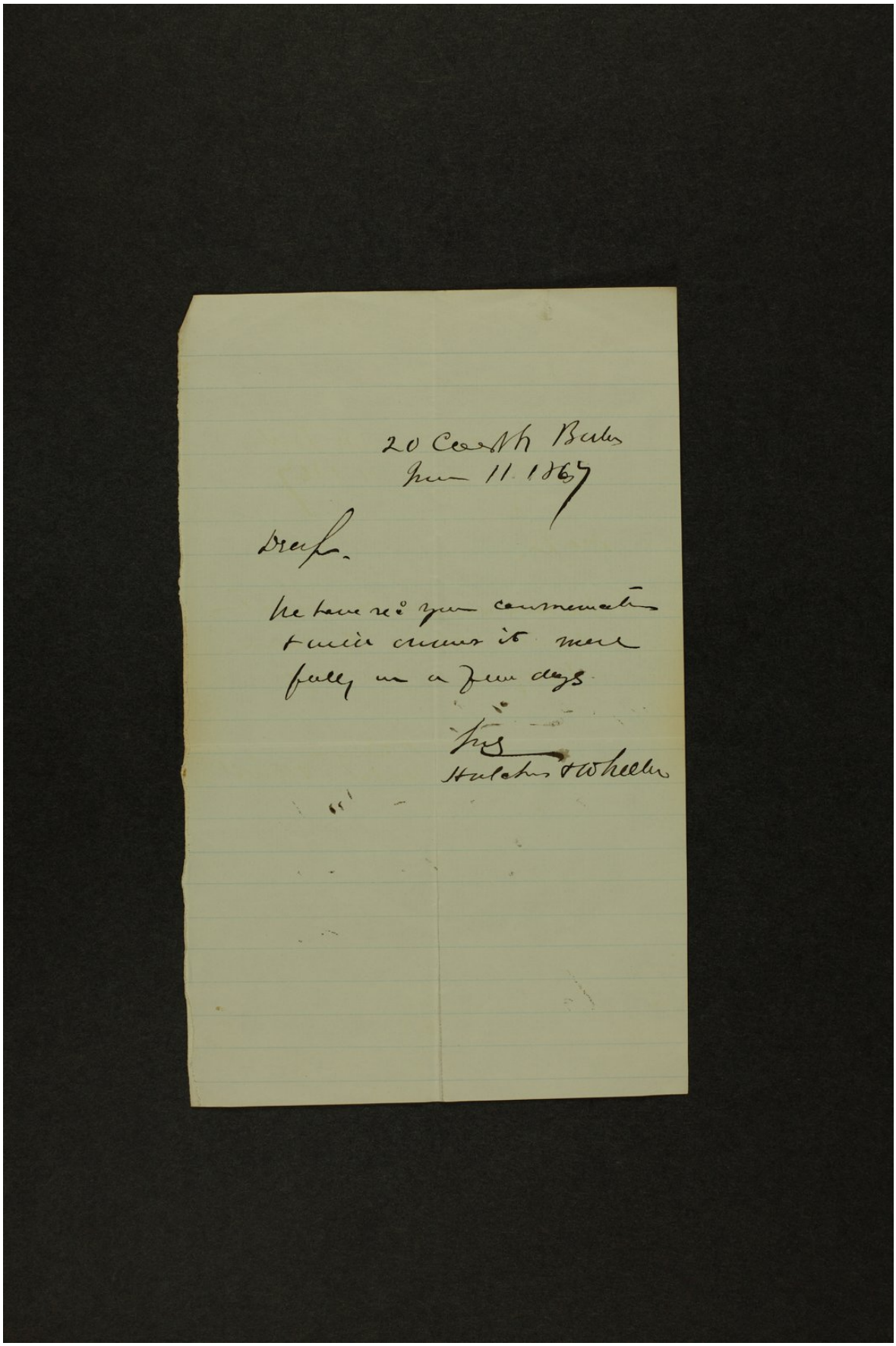
Very Respectfully &c

John Wiser

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



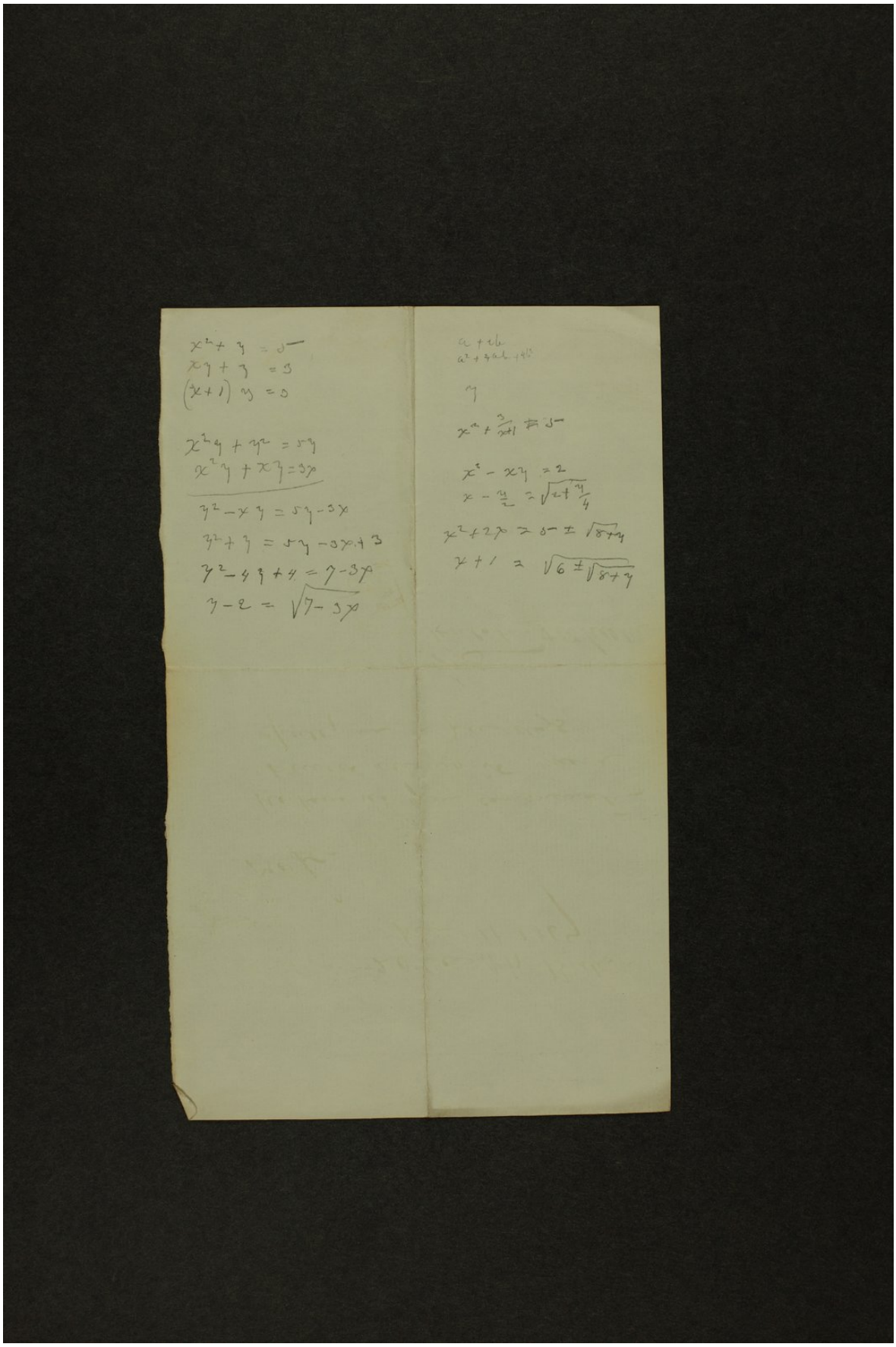
20 Co. H Bates
June 11. 1863

Dear Sir.

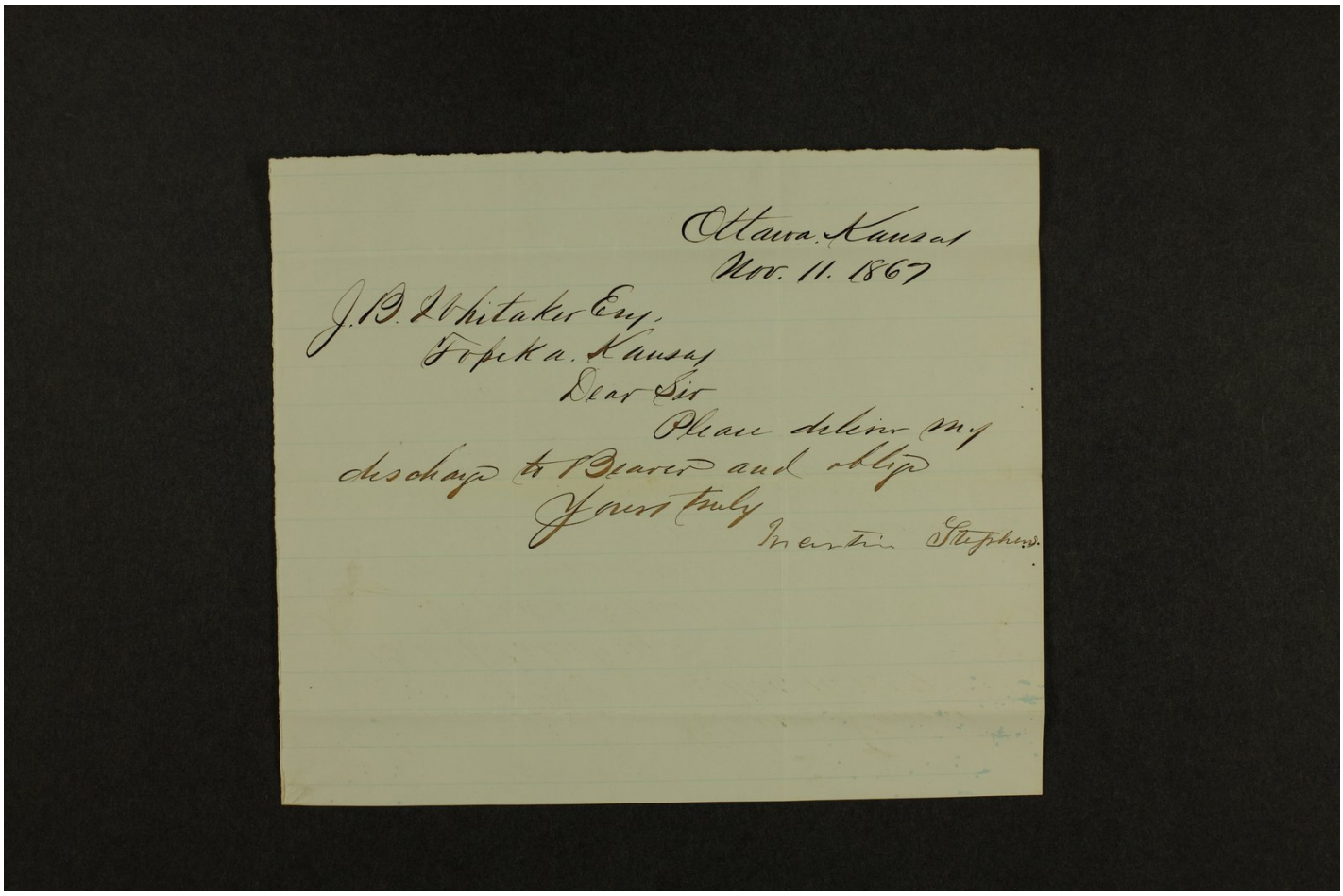
We have rec'd your communication
and will answer it more
fully in a few days.

Yrs
Hutchins & Wheeler

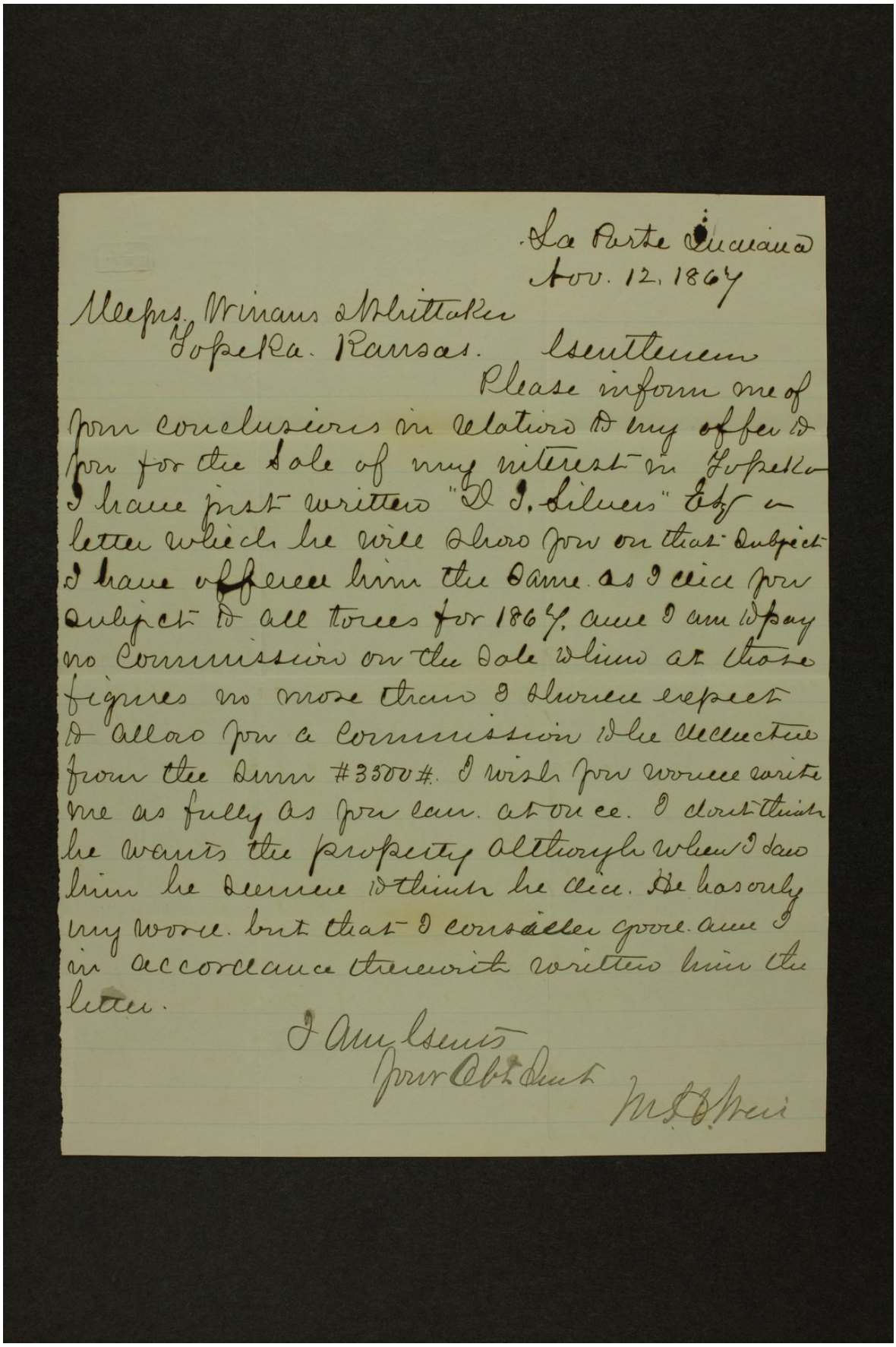
James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence


Ottawa. Kansas
Nov. 11. 1867

J. B. Whitaker Esq.
Topeka. Kansas
Dear Sir
Please deliver my
despatch to Bearer and oblige
Yours truly
Martin Stephens.



La Porte Indiana
Nov. 12. 1864

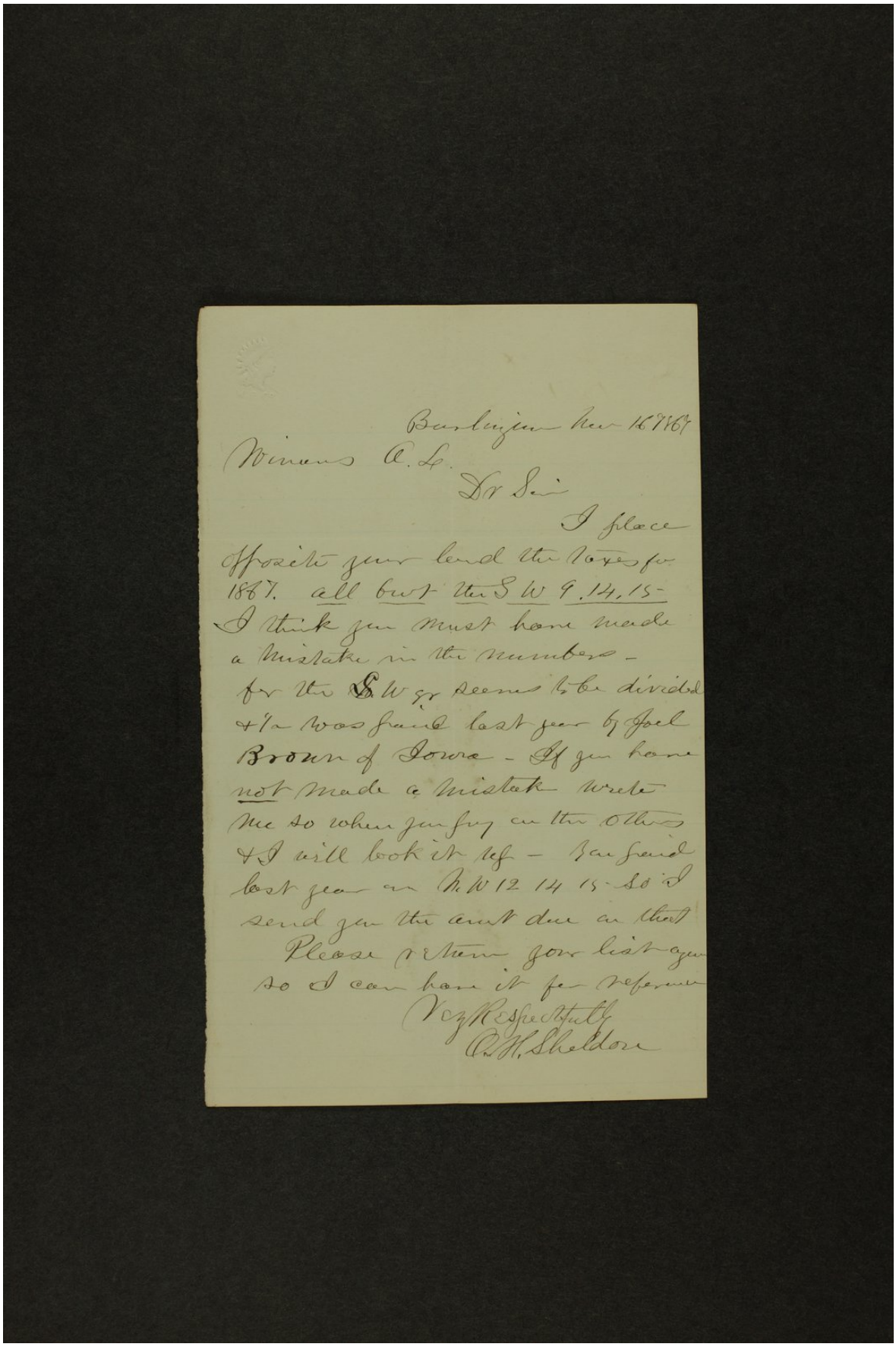
Messrs. Winans & Whittaker
Topeka. Kansas.

Gentlemen

Please inform me of your conclusions in relation to my offer to you for the sale of my interest in Topeka I have just written "D. J. Liken" Esq a letter which he will show you on that subject I have offered him the same as I did you subject to all taxes for 1864 and I am to pay no Commission on the sale which at those figures is more than I should expect to allow you a Commission like deducted from the sum #3500#. I wish you would write me as fully as you can. at once. I don't think he wants the property although when I saw him he seemed to think he did. He has only my word. but that I consider good and I in accordance therewith written him the letter.

I am Gents
Your Obt Servt
M. J. Wait

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Burlington Nov 16 1867

Winans A. L.

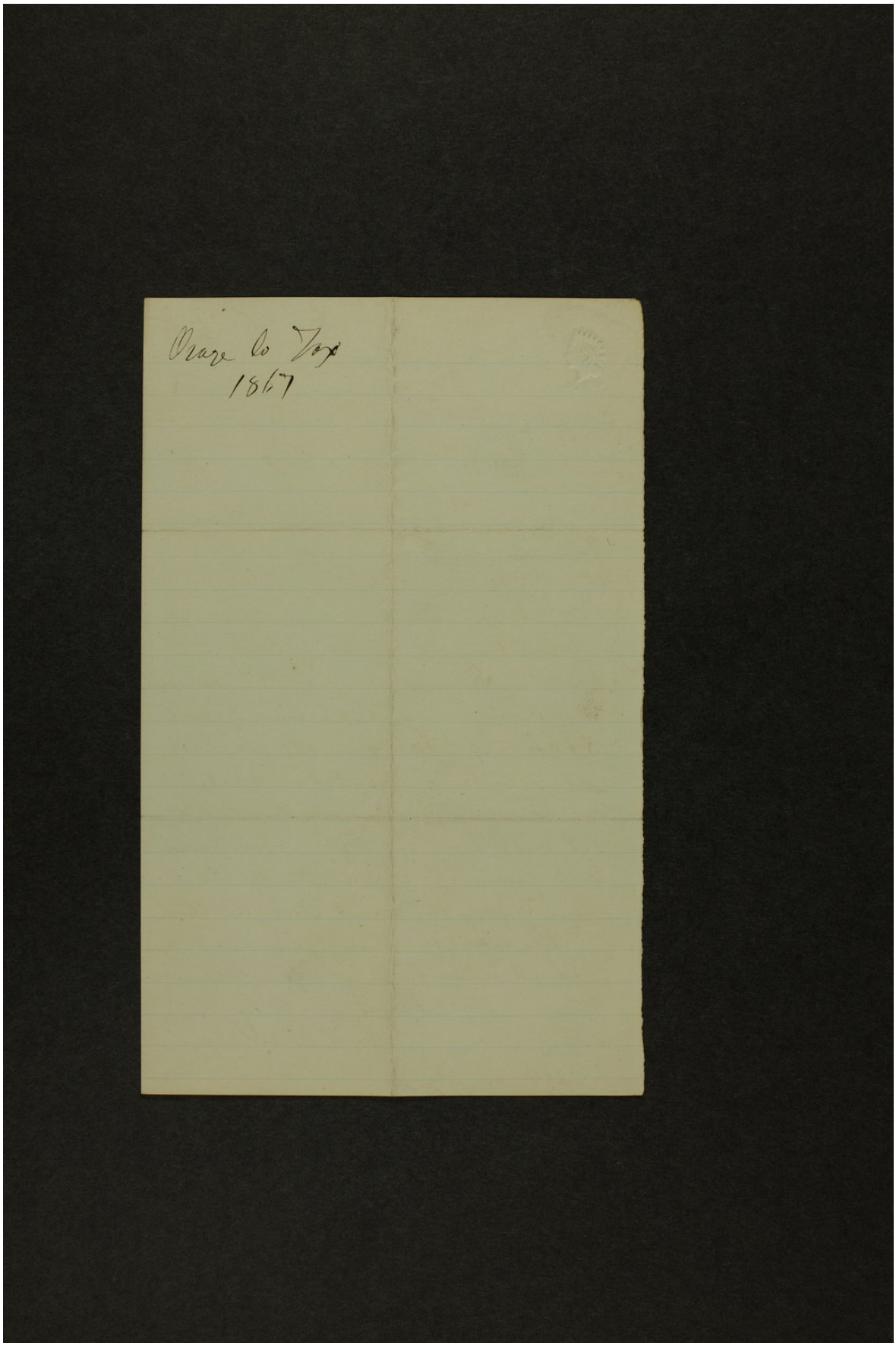
Dr Sir

I place opposite your land the taxes for 1867. all but the S W 9. 14. 15- I think you must have made a mistake in the numbers - for the S W qr seems to be divided & I was sold last year by Joel Brown of Iowa - If you have not made a mistake write me so when you pay on the Others & I will look it up - Ben Sold last year on N W 12 14 15- So I send you the amt due on that

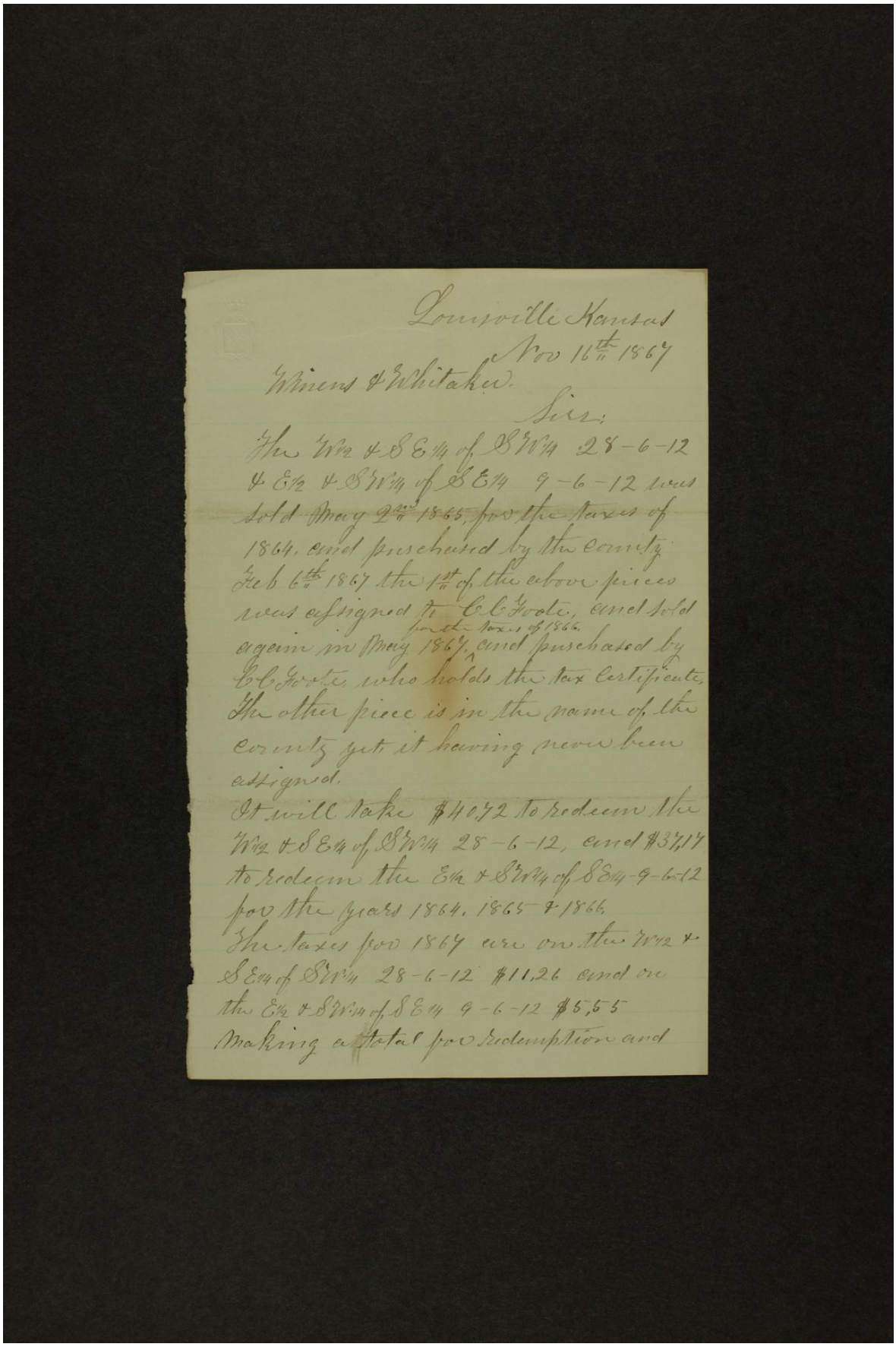
Please return your list again so I can have it for reference

Very Respectfully
O. H. Sheldon

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Lonisville Kansas
Nov 16th 1867

Wiens & Whitaker.

Sirs:

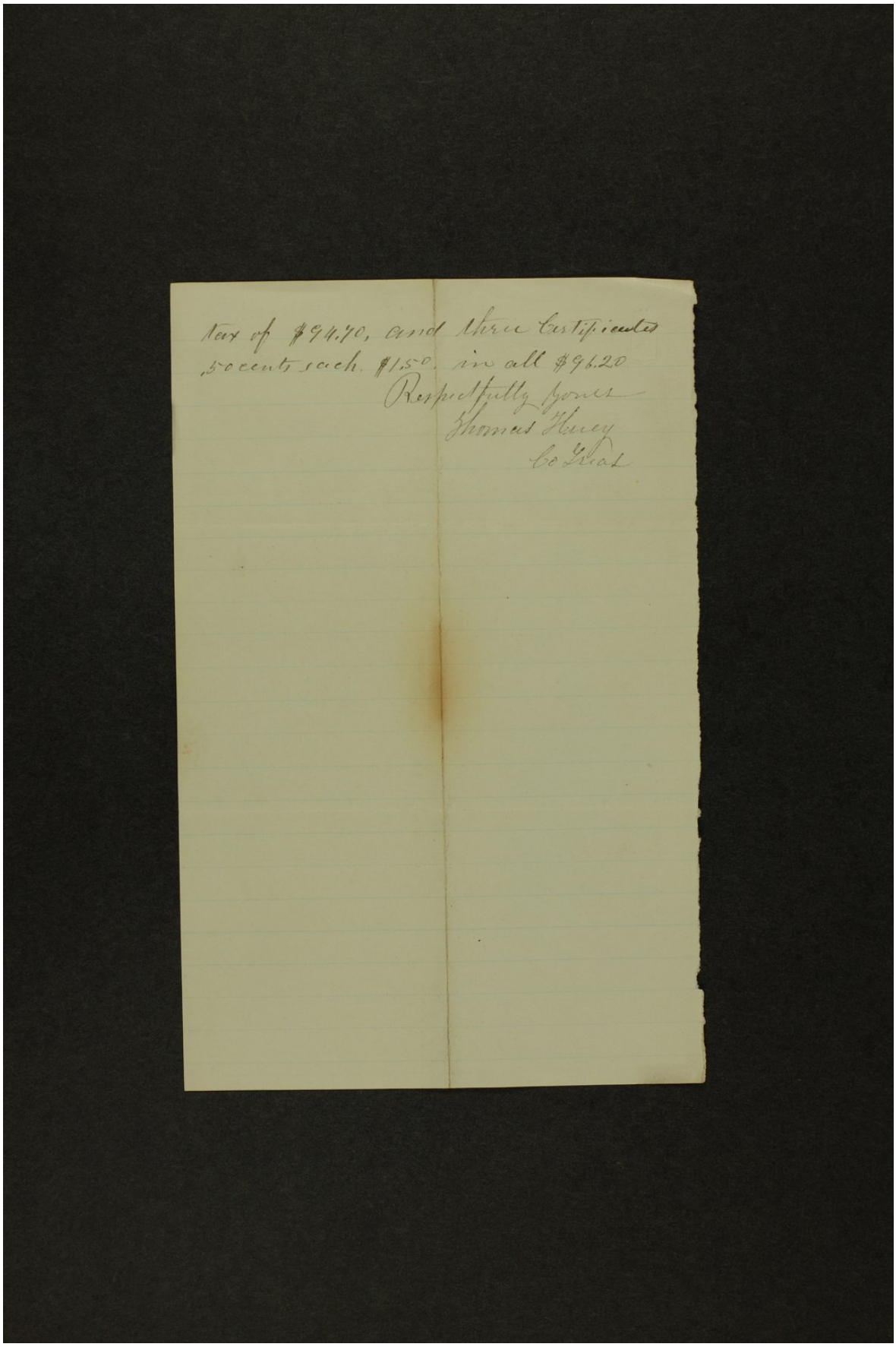
The W½ & SE¼ of SW¼ 28-6-12 & E½ & SW¼ of SE¼ 9-6-12 was sold May 2d 1865 for the taxes of 1864, and purchased by the county Feb 6th 1867 the 1st of the above pieces was assigned to C C Foote, and sold again in May 1867 for taxes of 1866, and purchased by C C Foote who holds the tax certificate. The other piece is in the name of the county yet it having never been assigned.

It will take $40.72 to redeem the W½ & SE¼ of SW¼ 28-6-12, and $37.17 to redeem the E½ & SW¼ of SE¼ 9-6-12 for the years 1864, 1865 & 1866.

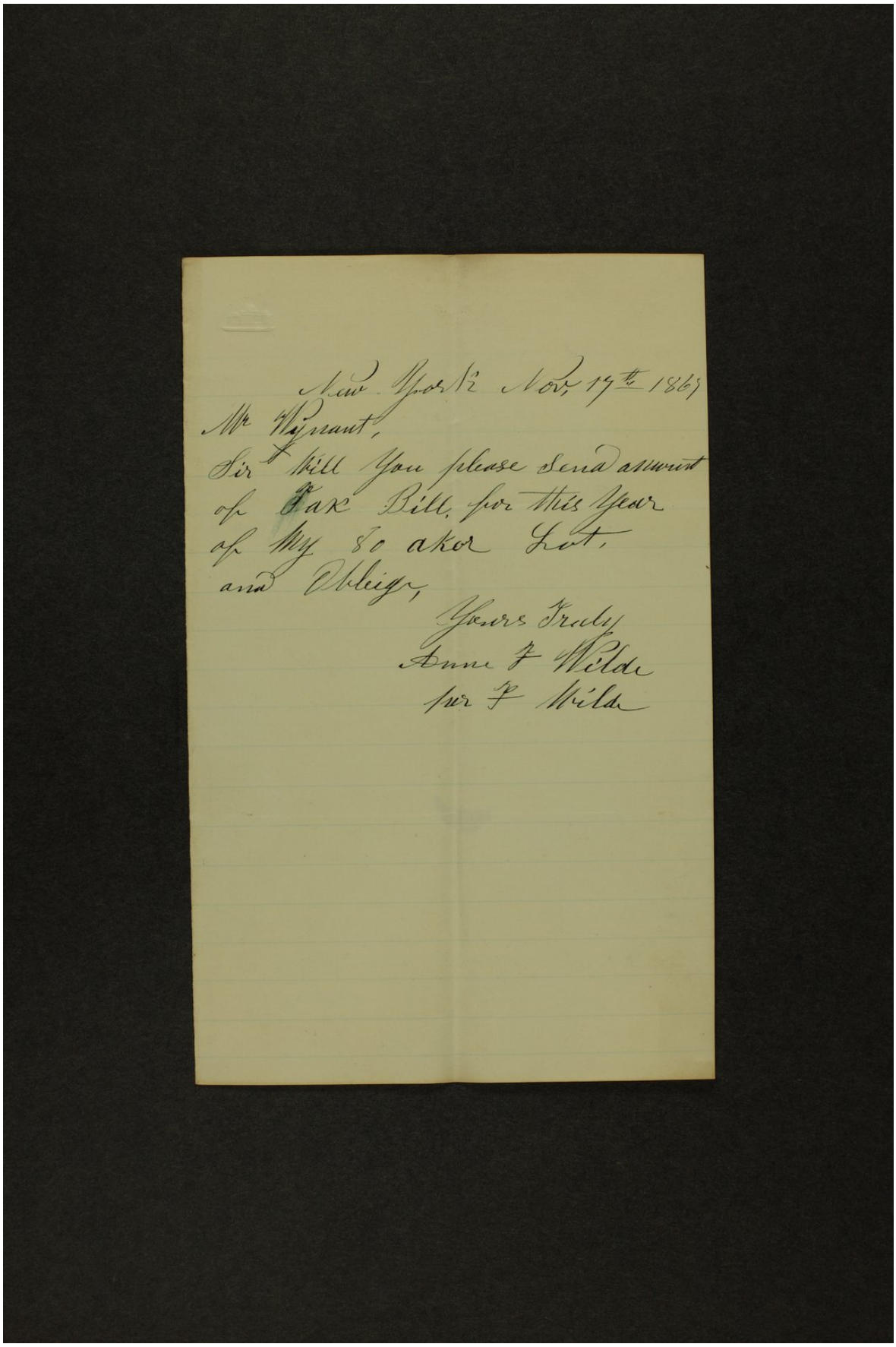
The taxes for 1867 are on the W½ & SE¼ of SW¼ 28-6-12 $11.26 and on the E½ & SW¼ of SE¼ 9-6-12 $5.55

Making a total for redemption and

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



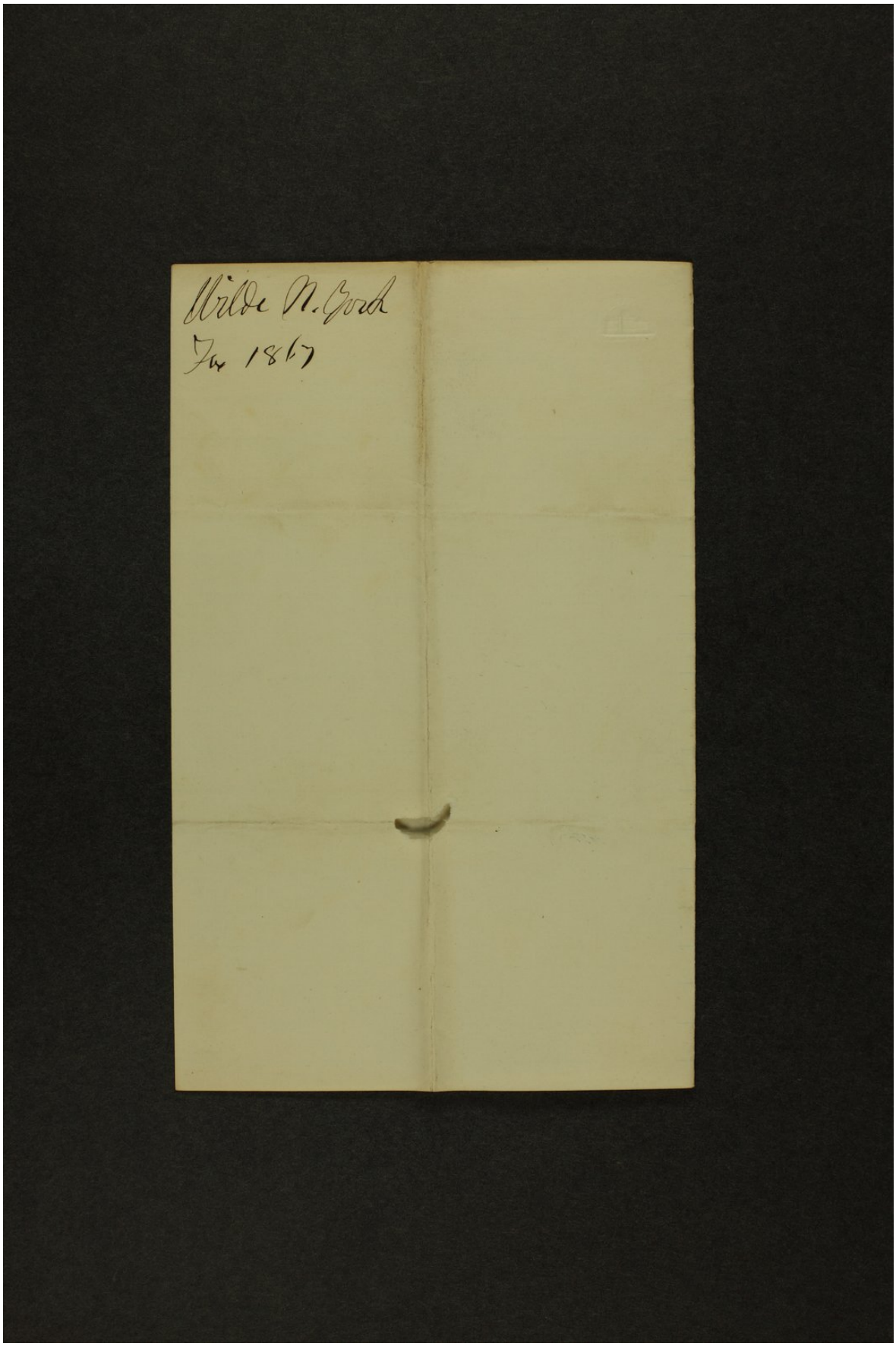
New York Nov 17th 1863

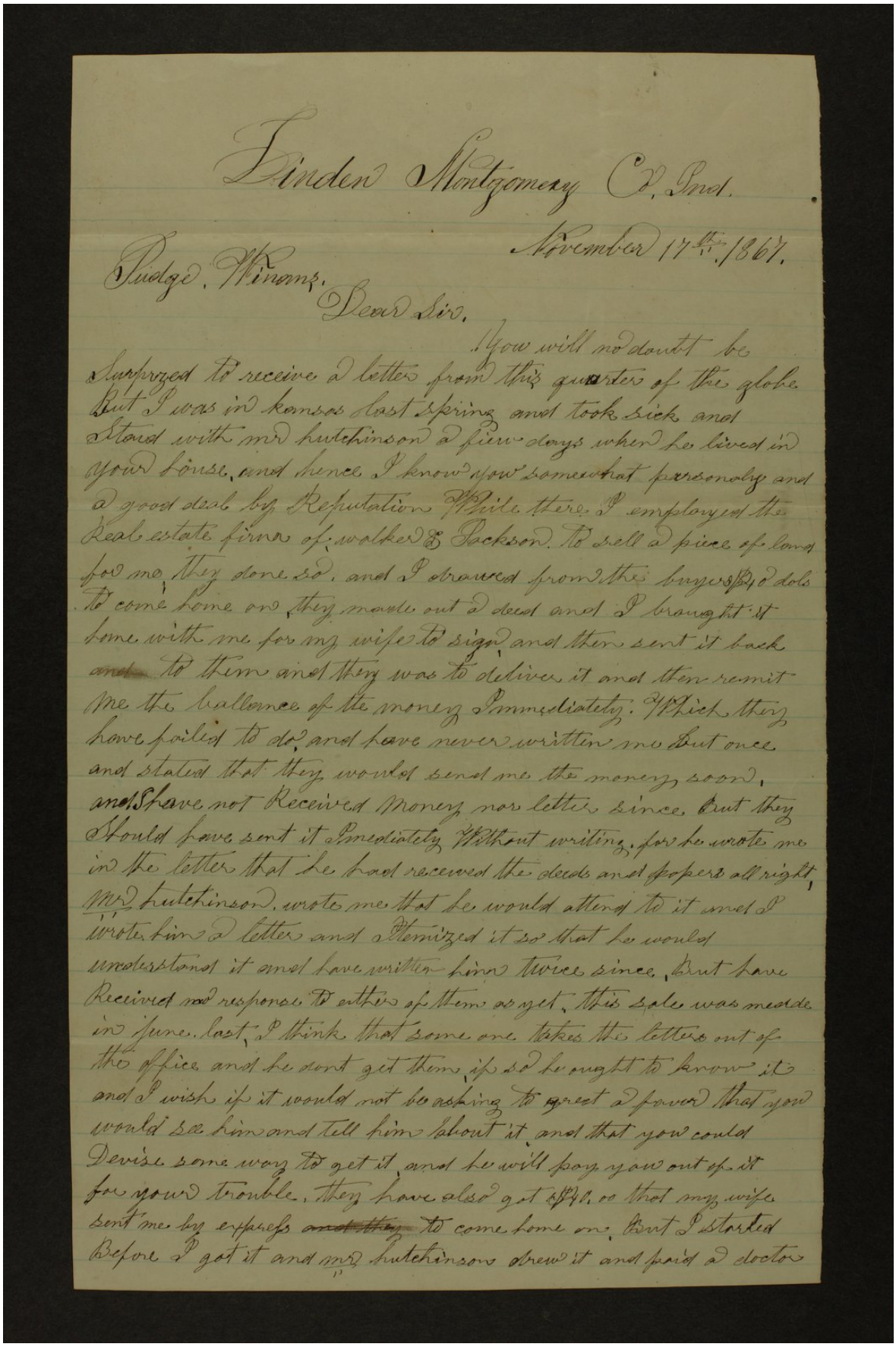
Mr Wignant,

Sir Will You please send account of Tax Bill for this year of My 80 aker Lot, and Oblige,

Yours Truly
Anne F Wilde
per F Wilde

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





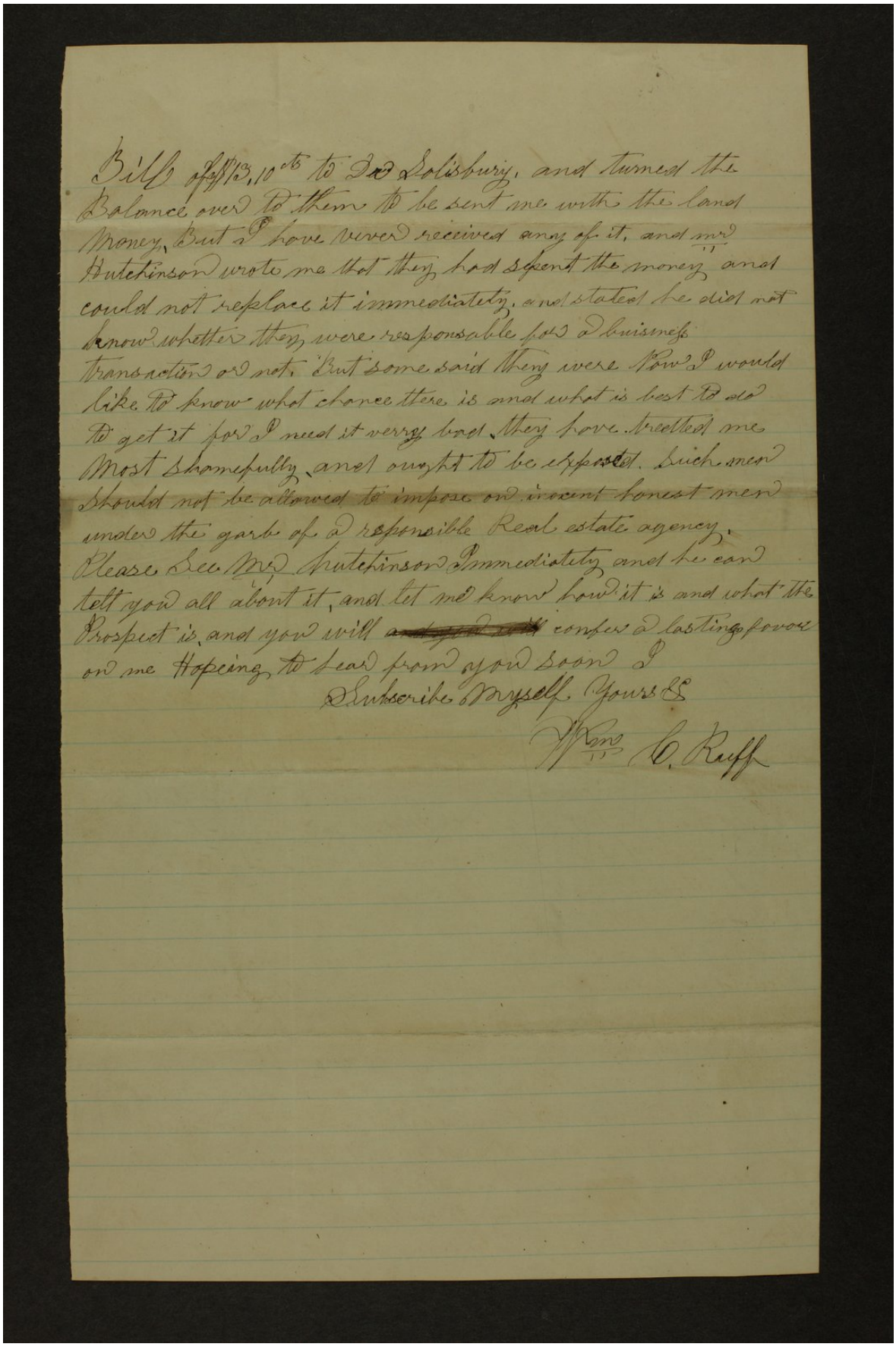
Linden Montgomery Co. Ind.

November 17th 1867.

Pudge. Winona.

Dear Sir.

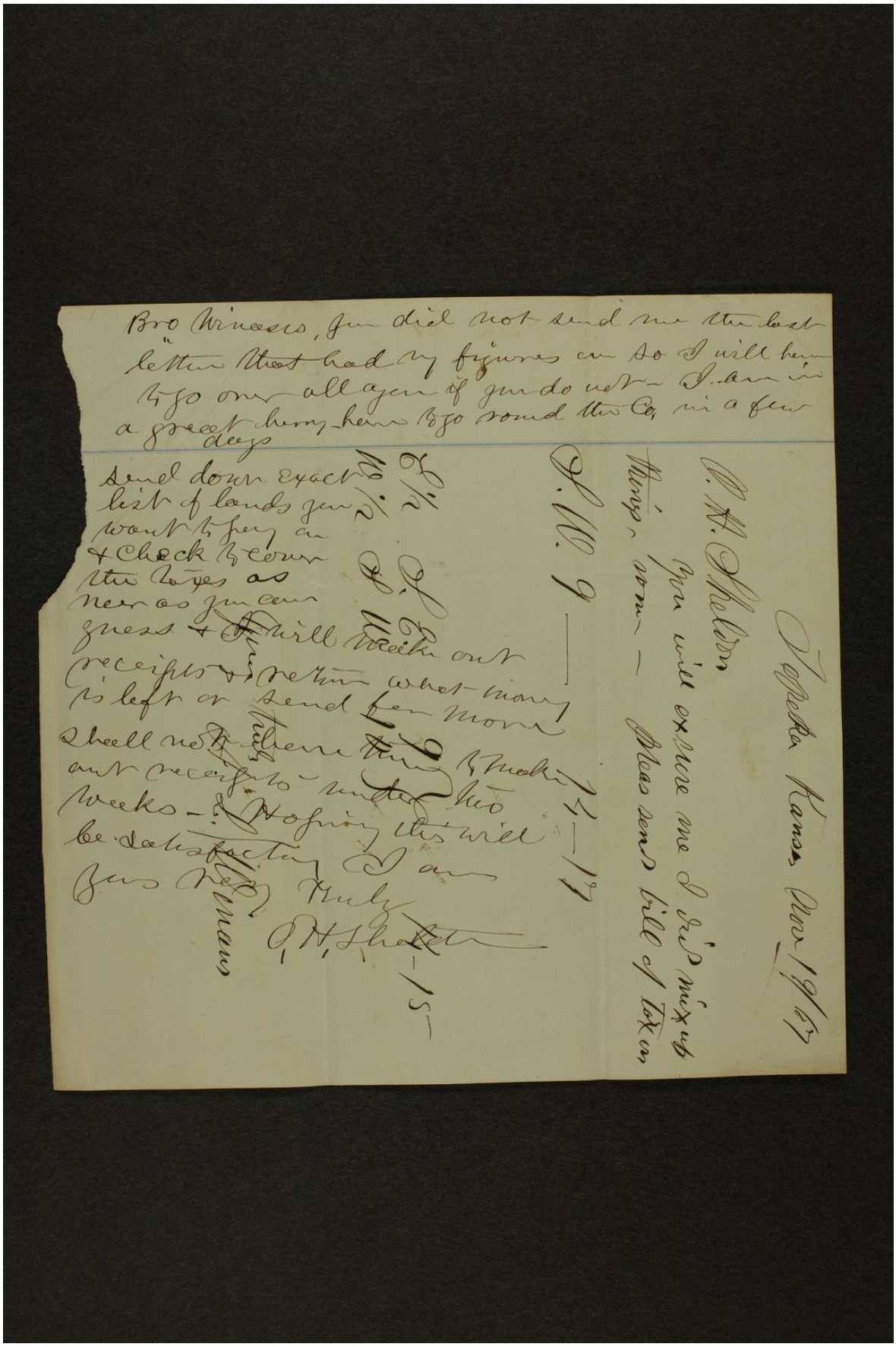
You will no doubt be surprized to receive a letter from this quarter of the globe But I was in Kansas last spring and took sick and stayed with Mrd Hutchinson a few days when he lived in your house, and hence I know you somewhat personaly and a good deal by Reputation While there I employed the Real estate firm of Walker & Jackson. To sell a piece of land for me, they done so, and I drawed from the buyer $740 dols to come home on, they made out a deed and I brought it home with me for my wife to sign and then sent it back and to them and they was to deliver it and then remit me the ballance of the money Immediately. Which they have failed to do, and have never written me but once and stated that they would send me the money soon, and I have not Received Money nor letter since. But they Should have sent it Immediately Without writing, for he wrote me in the letter that he had received the deeds and papers all right, Mrd Hutchinson, wrote me that he would attend to it and I wrote him a letter and Itemized it so that he would understand it and have written him twice since. But have Received no response to either of them as yet. This sale was medde in June last, I think that some one takes the letters out of the office and he dont get them, if so he ought to know it and I wish if it would not be asking to great a favor that you would see him and tell him about it, and that you could Devise some way to get it, and he will pay you out of it for your trouble. They have also got $70.00 that my wife sent me by express ~~and they~~ to come home on, But I started Before I got it and Mrd Hutchinson drew it and paid a doctor



Bill of $3,10 cts to Dr Salisbury, and turned the Balance over to them to be sent me with the land Money, But I have never received any of it, and Mr Hutchinson wrote me that they had spent the money, and could not replace it immediately, and stated he did not know whether they were responsable for a business transaction or not. But some said they were Now I would like to know what chance there is and what is best to do to get it for I need it verry bad. They have treated me Most shamefully, and ought to be exposed. Such men should not be allowed to impose on innocent honest men under the garb of a responible Real estate agency. Please See Mr Hutchinson Immediately, and he can tell you all about it, and let me know how it is and what the Prospect is, and you will confer a lasting favour on me Hoping to hear from you Soon I

Subscribe Myself Yours &c

Wm C. Ruff



Bro Winans, Jim did not send me the last letter that had my figures on so I will have to go over all agen if you do not I am in a great hurry here to round the Co in a few days

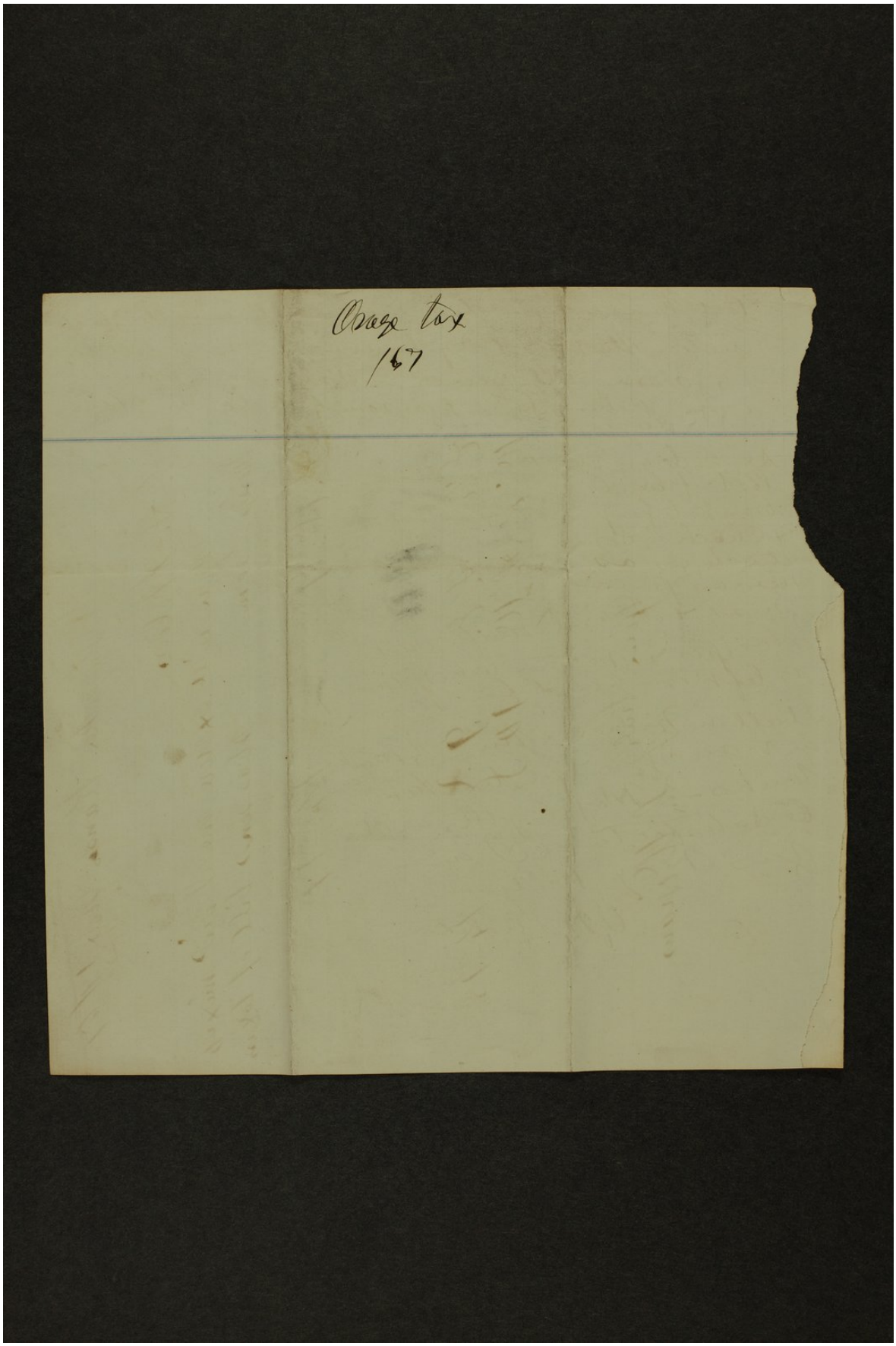
Topeka Kans Nov 19 17

O. H. Shelton
Pen will excuse me I am in a hurry
Winp, Kans — Please send bill of Taxes

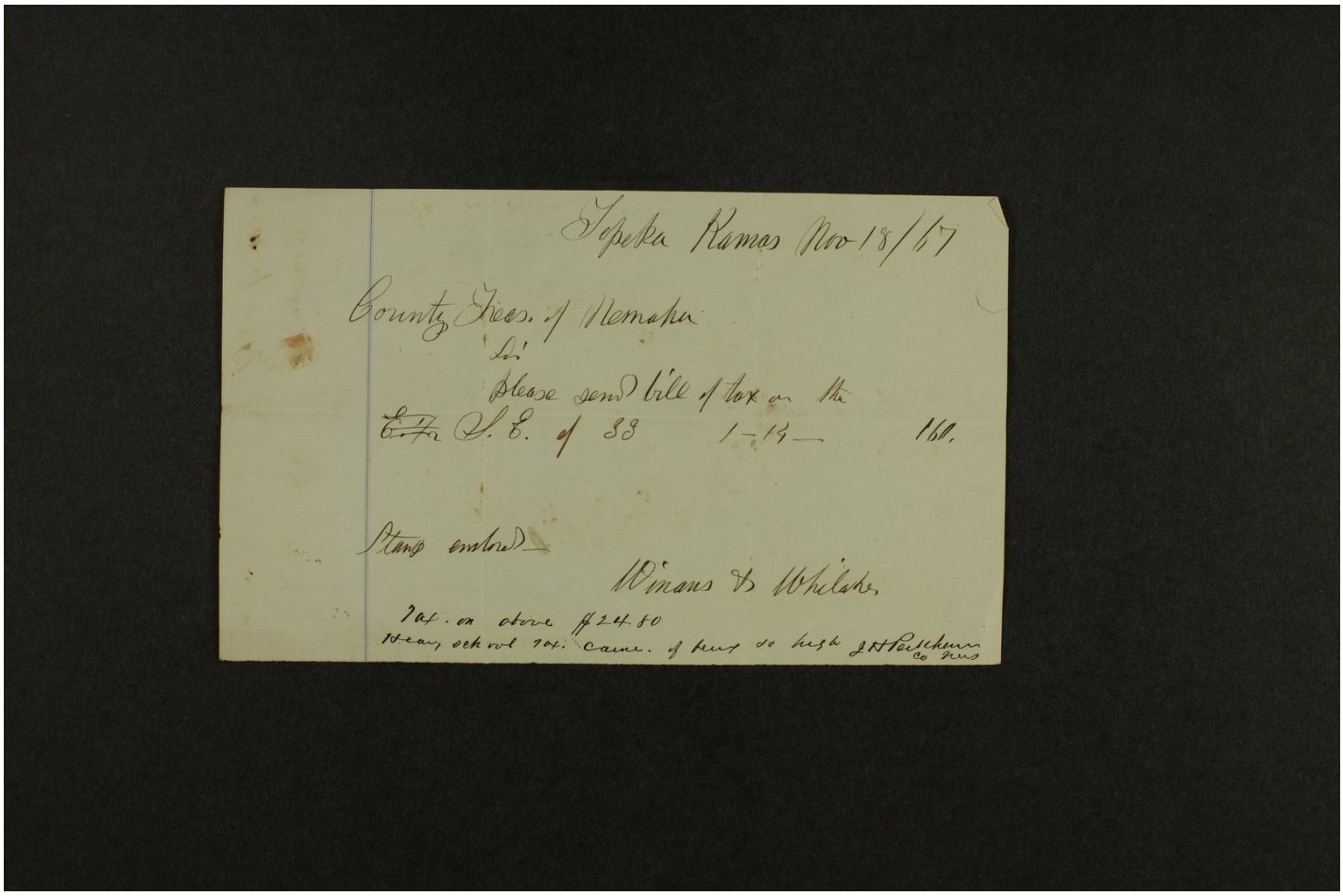
P.O. 9 — 17

Send down exact list of lands you want to pay on & check & cover the taxes as near as you can guess & I will check out receipts & return what money is left or send for more I shall not [illegible] & Nuckolls out receipts until two weeks — I hope this will be satisfactory I am

Yours Truly
O. H. Shelton


Chase tax
167

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence


Topeka Kansas Nov 18/67

County Treas. of Nemaha

Sir

Please send bill of tax on the

E ½ S. E. of 33 1-13 160.

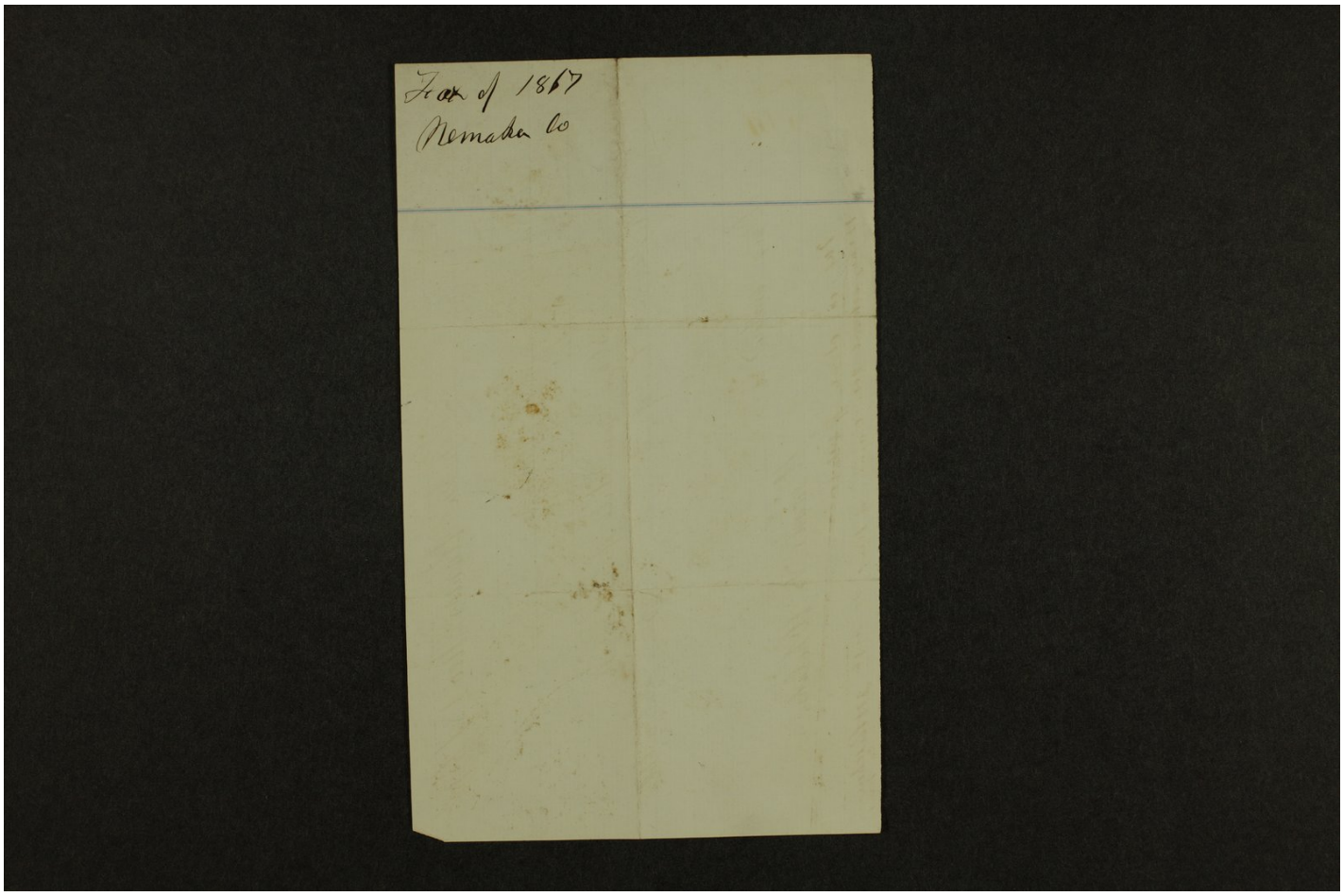
Stamp enclosed

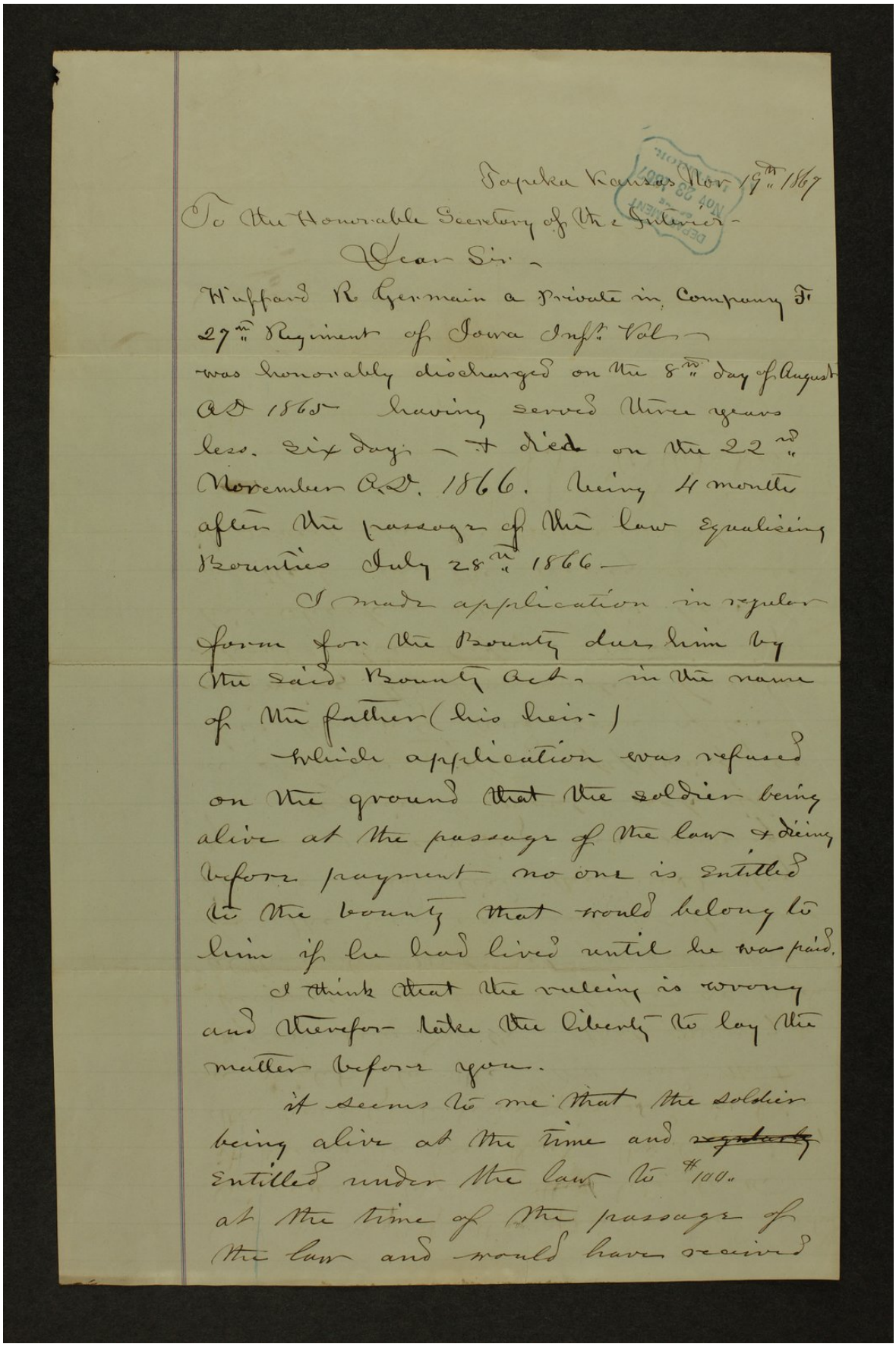
Winans & Whitaker

Tax. on above $24.80

10 cents school tax. Cann. if sent to high J H Paschens Co Kans

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





Topeka Kansas Nov 19th 1867

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior -

Dear Sir -

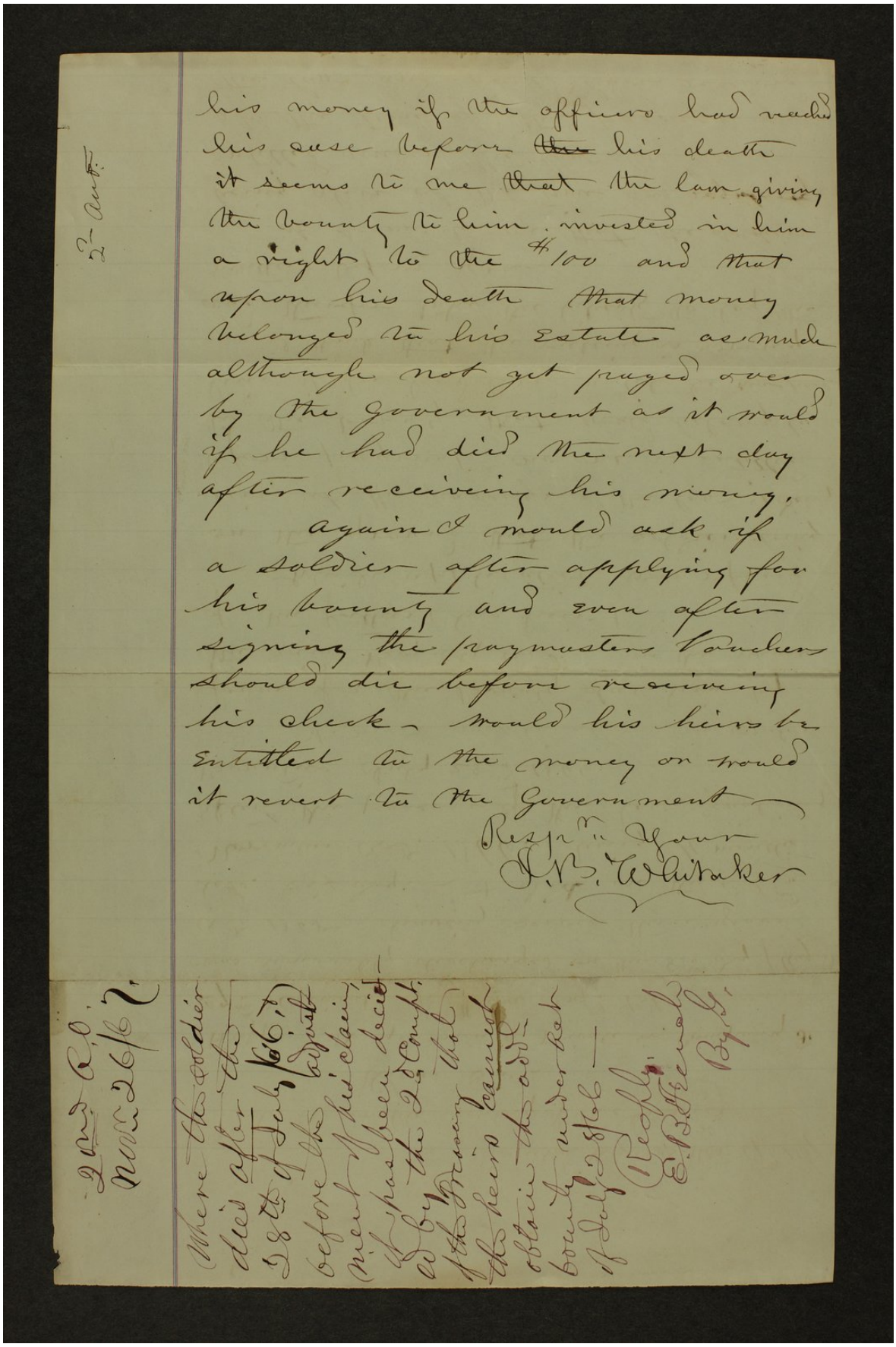
Wuffard R Germain a Private in Company F 27th Regiment of Iowa Infy Vol - was honorably discharged on the 8th day of August AD 1865 having served three years less. Six days. - & died on the 22nd November A.D. 1866. being 4 months after the passage of the law Equalizing Bounties July 28th 1866 -

I made application in regular form for the Bounty due him by the said Bounty act. in the name of the father (his heir.)

which application was refused on the ground that the soldier being alive at the passage of the law & dieing before payment no one is entitled to the bounty that would belong to him if he had lived until he was paid.

I think that the ruleing is wrong and therefor take the liberty to lay the matter before you.

it seems to me that the Soldier being alive at the time and ~~entirely~~ entitled under the law to $100. at the time of the passage of the law and would have received



his money if the officers had reached his case before ~~the~~ his death it seems to me that the law giving the bounty to him invested in him a right to the $100 and that upon his death that money belonged to his estate as much although not yet payed over by the government as it would if he had died the next day after receiving his money.

again I would ask if a soldier after applying for his bounty and even after signing the paymasters vouchers should die before receiving his check - would his heirs be entitled to the money or would it revert to the Government

Respt'y Your
J. B. Whitaker

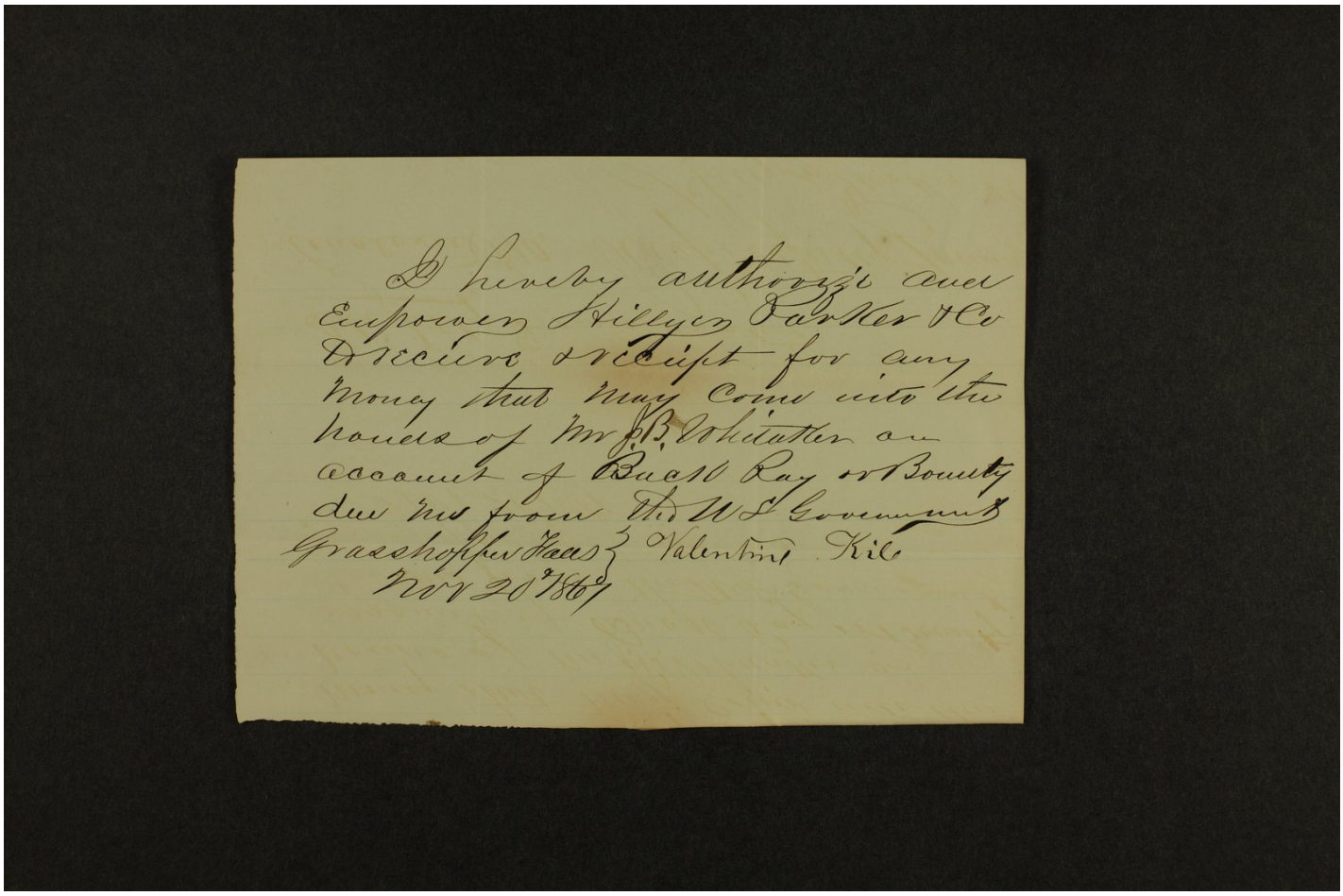
2d Auditor

Washington D.C.
Nov 26/67

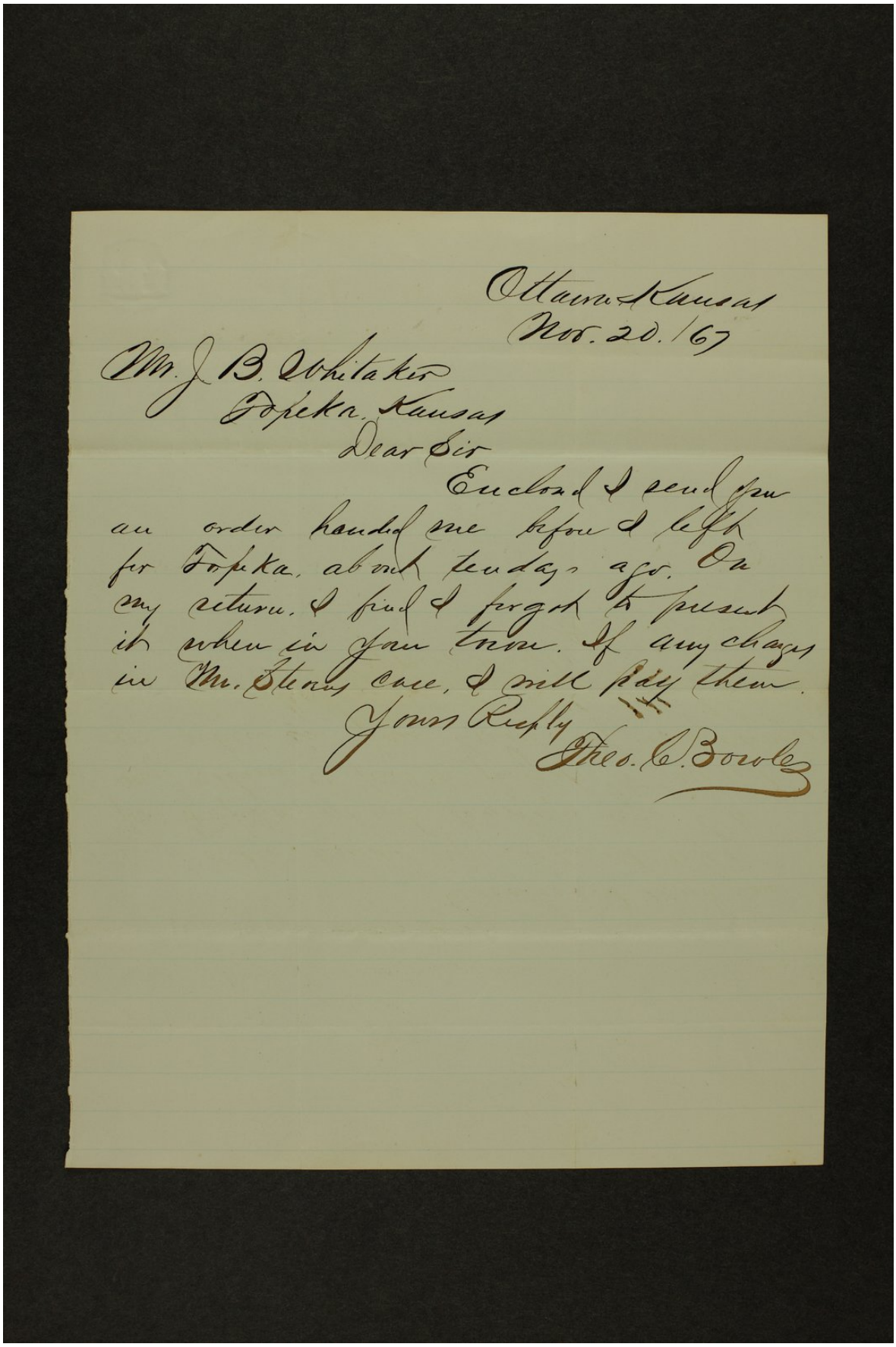
Where the soldier died after the 28th of July 1866 & before his claim had been decided by the 2d Comptr. of the Treasury but the heirs commenced the action to obtain the bounty under the act of July 28/66 —

Geo. W. Reed
E. B. Stevens
Atty's

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence


I hereby authorize and Empower Hillyer Parker & Co Receive a receipt for any money that may come into the hands of Mr J.B. Whitaker on account of Back Pay or Bounty due me from the U.S. Government

Grasshopper Falls } Valentine Kil
Nov 20 1867



Ottawa Kansas
Nov. 20. 67

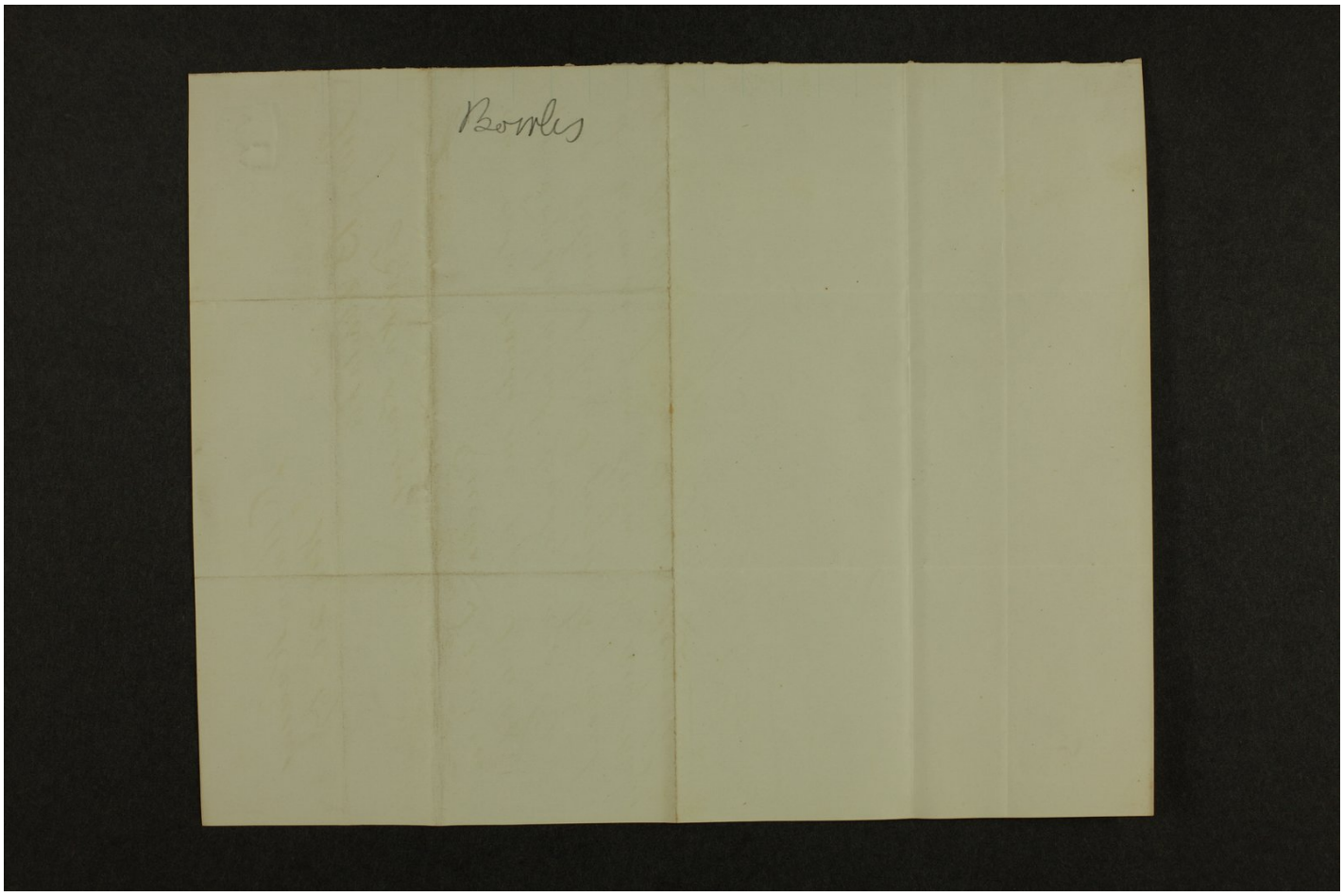
Mr. J. B. Whitaker
Topeka, Kansas

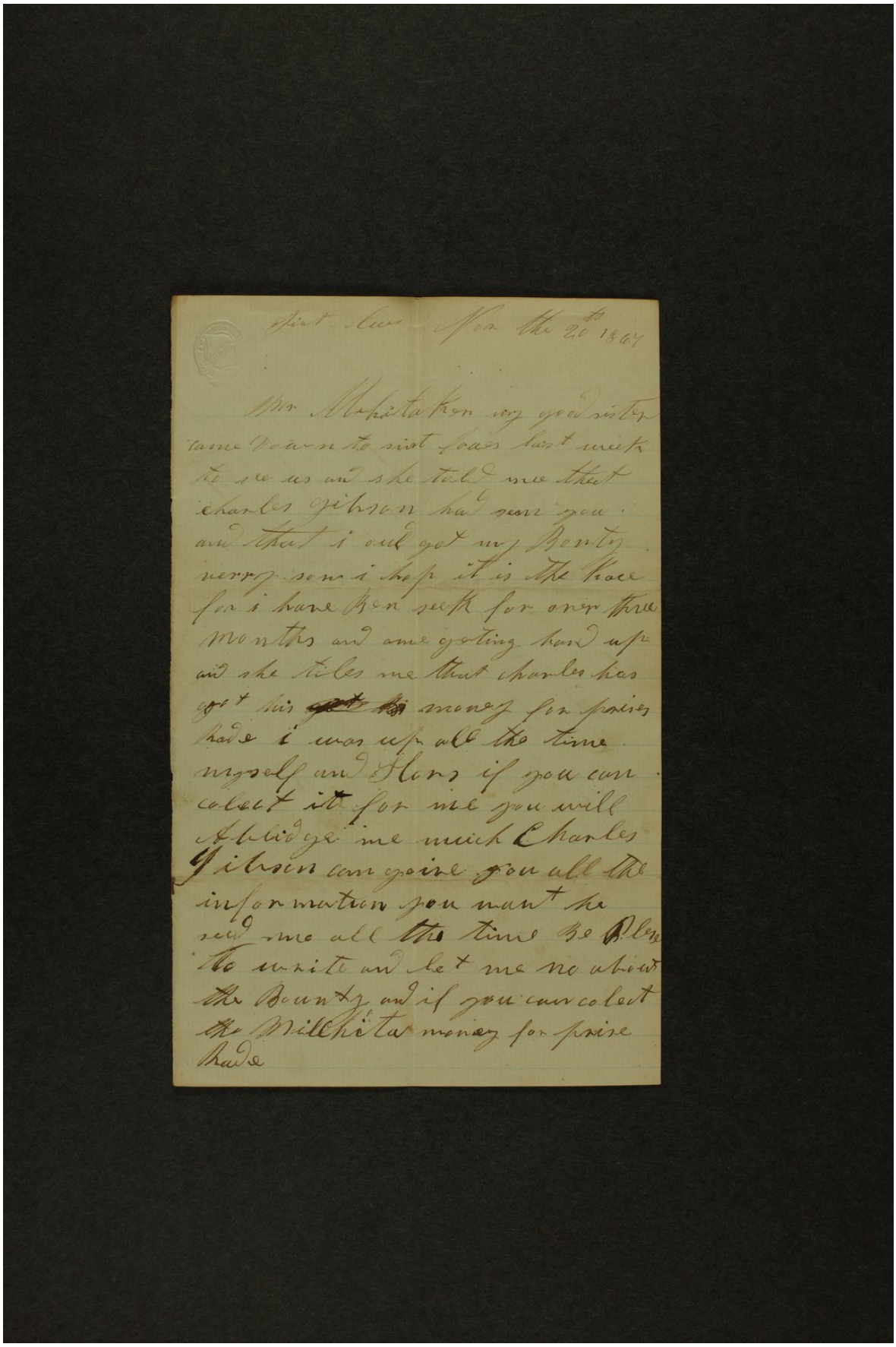
Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you an order handed me before I left for Topeka, about ten days ago. On my return, I find I forgot to present it when in your town. If any charges in Mr. Stevens case, I will pay them.

Yours Ruply
Thos. C. Bowles

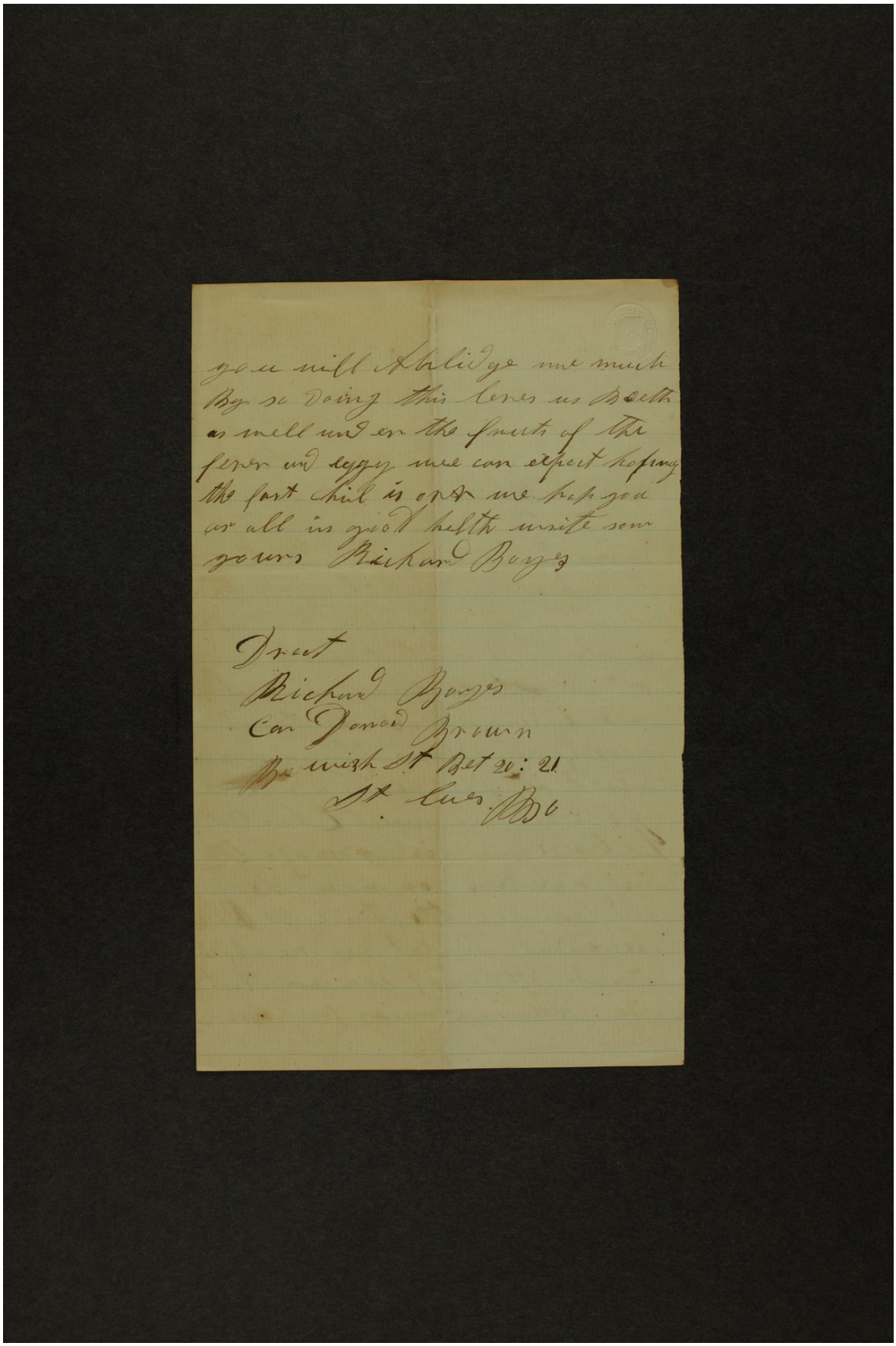
James Barnes Whitaker correspondence





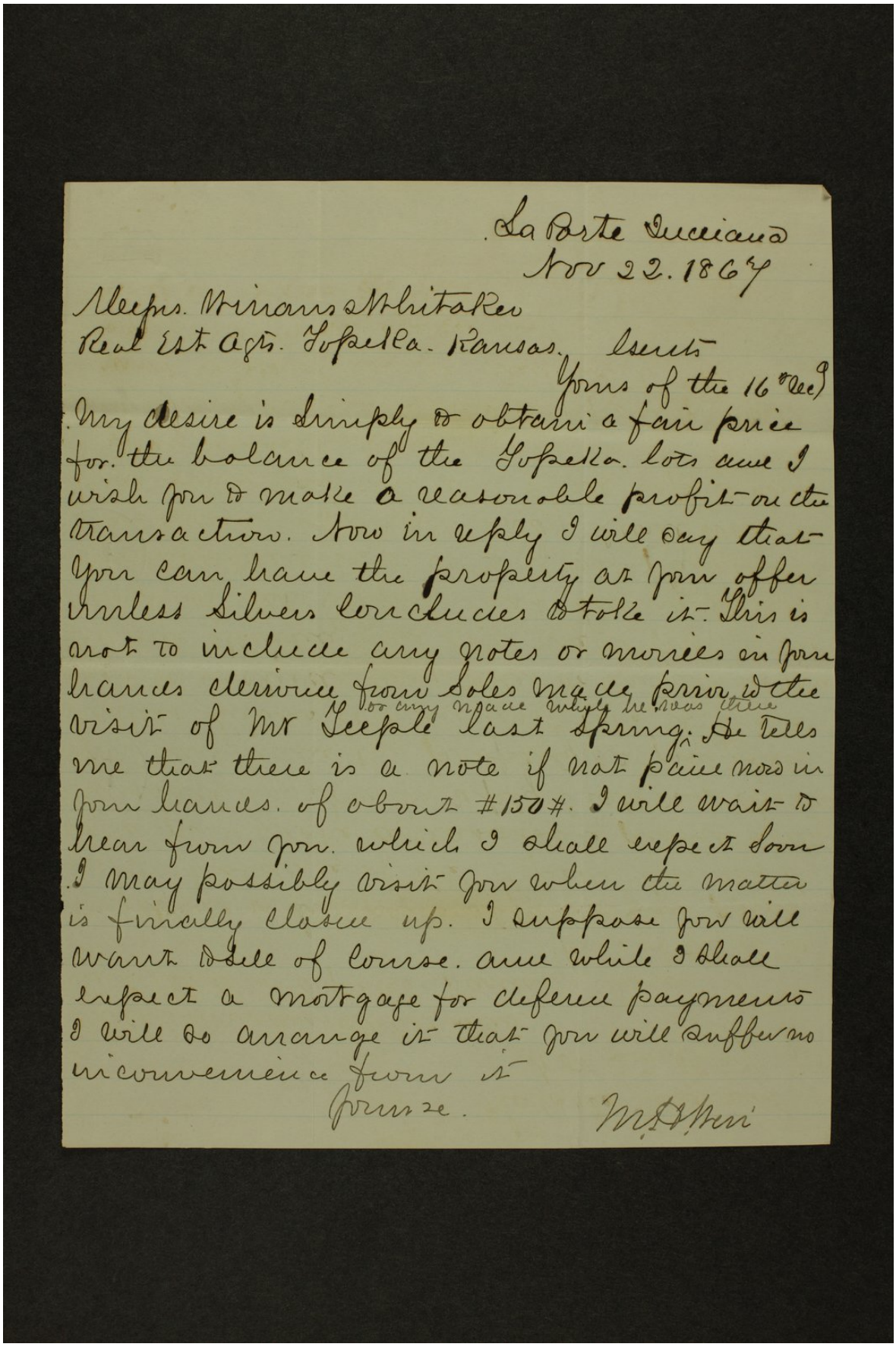
Dear Aunt Ann Nov the 20th 1907

Mr Whitaker my god sister came down to visit Jones last week to see us and she told me that Charles Gibson had seen you and that I could get my Bounty money soon I hope it is the case for I have been sick for over three months and am getting hard up and she tells me that Charles has got his ~~[illegible]~~ money for prairie hade I was up all the time myself and Flora if you can collect it for me you will oblidge me much Charles Gibson can point you all the information you want he send me all the time Be pleas to write and let me no about the Bounty and if you can collect the Millchita money for prairie hade



you will oblidge me much
By so doing this leves us both
as well and on the south of the
fever and ague we can expect hoping
the fort chil is over we hop you
or all is good helth write soon
yours Richard Borges

Direct
Richard Borges
Car Donald Brown
Bardwish St Bet 20: 21
St Louis Mo



La Porte Indiana
Nov 22. 1867

Messrs. Williams & Whitaker
Real Est. Agts. Topeka. Kansas.

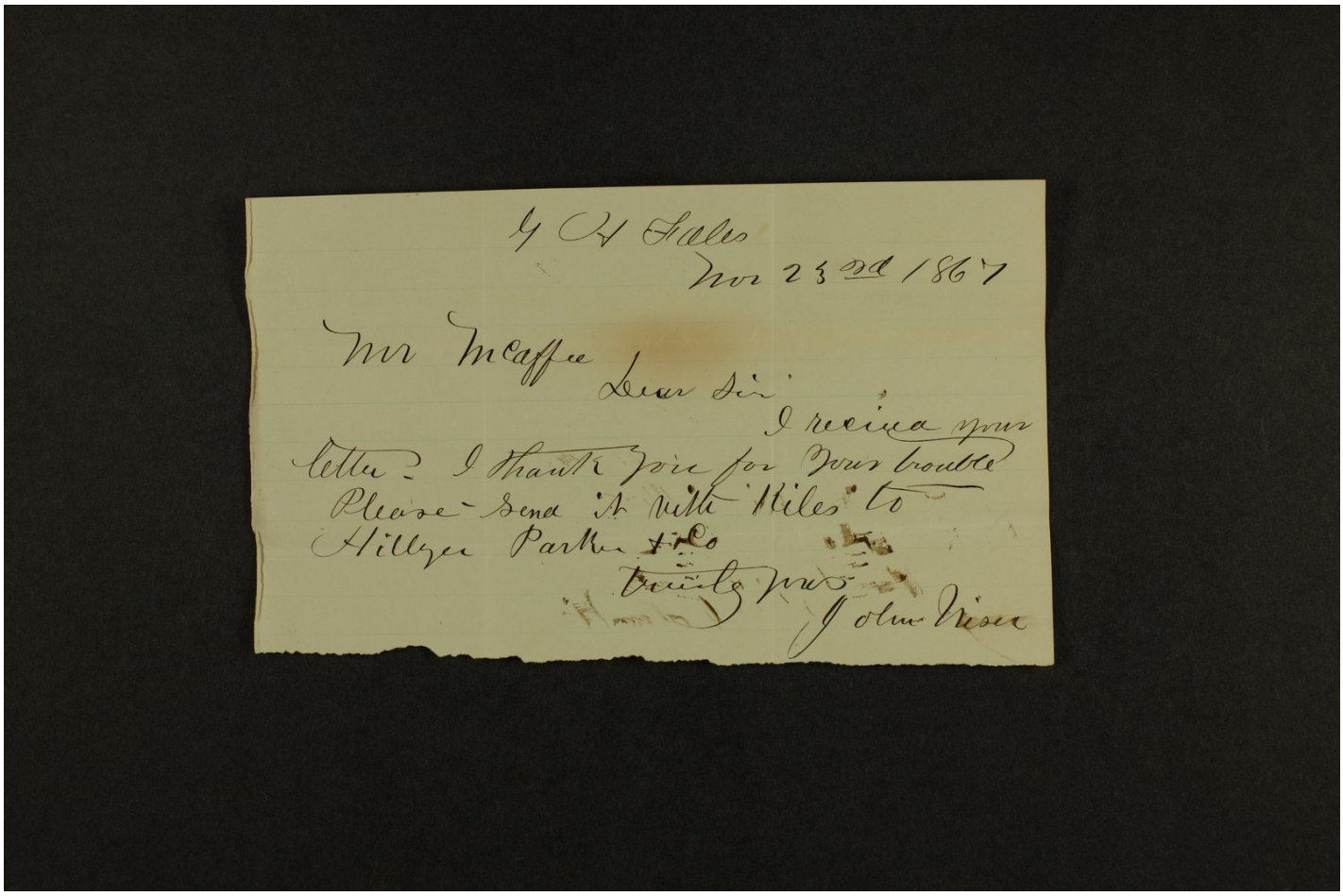
Gents

Yours of the 16th Inst
is duly rec'd. My desire is simply to obtain a fair price for the balance of the Topeka lots and I wish you to make a reasonable profit on the transaction. Now in reply I will say that you can have the property at your offer unless Silvers conclusion to take it. This is not to include any notes or monies in your hands derivive from Sales made prior to the visit of Mr Teeple last Spring. He tells me that there is a note if not more in your hands of about #150$. I will wait to hear from you. which I shall expect soon. I may possibly visit you when the matter is finally closed up. I suppose you will want Deed of course. and while I shall expect a Mortgage for deferred payments I will so arrange it that you will suffer no inconvenience from it

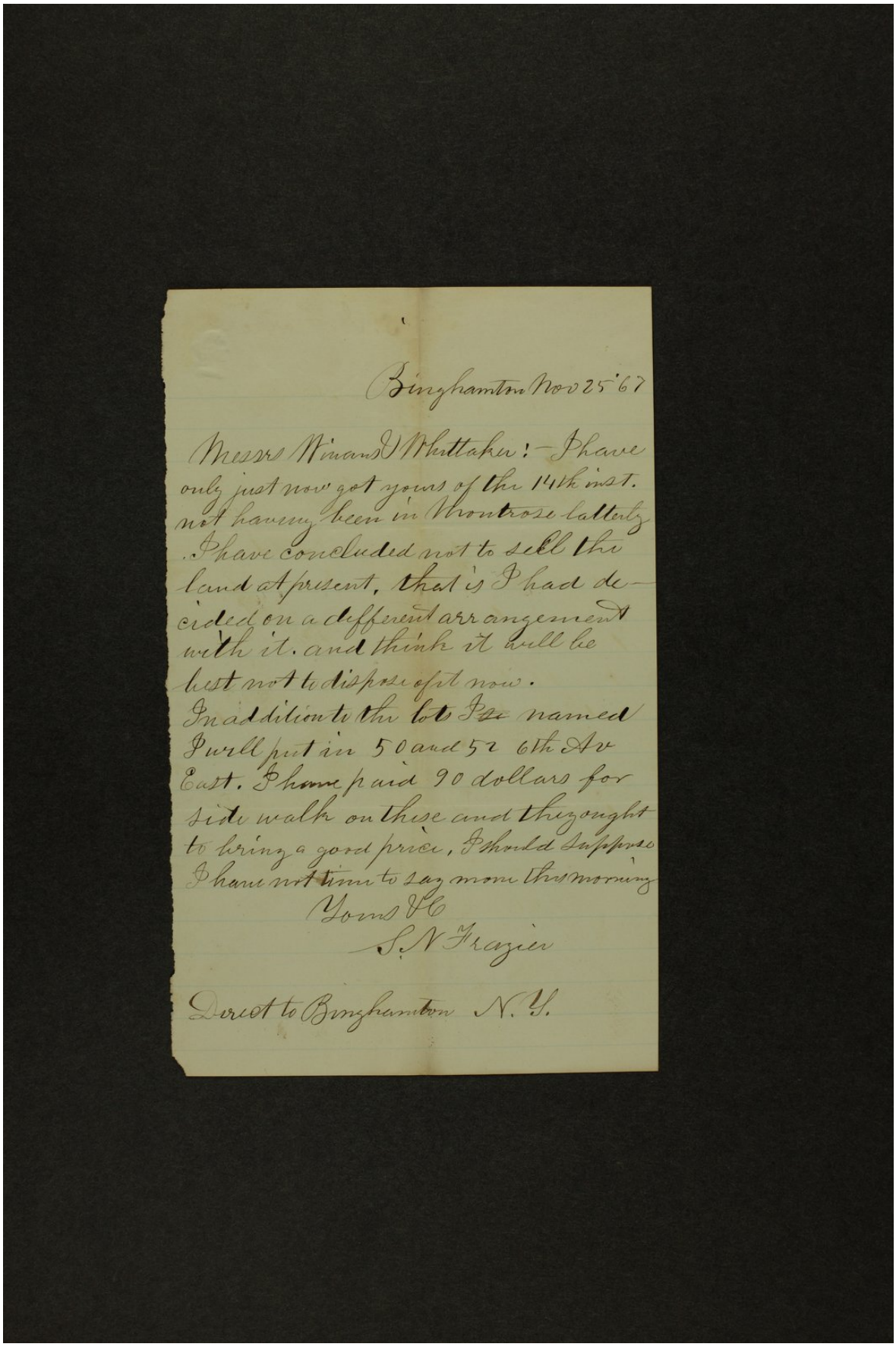
Yours &c.

W. D. Whitaker

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Binghamton Nov 25 '67

Messrs Winans & Whittaker! — I have only just now got yours of the 14th inst. not having been in Montrose latterly. I have concluded not to sell the land at present, that is I had decided on a different arrangement with it. and think it will be best not to dispose of it now. In addition to the lot I've named I will put in 50 and 52 6th Av East. I have paid 90 dollars for side walk on these and they ought to bring a good price, I should suppose I have not time to say more this morning

Yours &c
S. N. Frazier

Direct to Binghamton N. Y.